

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date of Committee **26 July 2005**

Report Title **Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-08**

Summary This report updates progress in developing the Social Inclusion Strategy and refers to the decision of Cabinet on 30 June to defer approval of the Strategy to enable further work to be done on developing performance indicators and consultation with this and other Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Background papers Draft Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2008 (see Cabinet papers of 30 June 2005)

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees Cabinet – 30 June 2005
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Cllr Hayfield
- Chief Executive
- Legal
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers Chief Officers' Management Team
- District Councils

Health Authority

Police

Other Bodies/Individuals Social Inclusion Network

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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**Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief
Executive**

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note Cabinet's decision to defer approval of the Social Inclusion Strategy to enable further work to be done on developing performance indicators and consultation with this and other Overview and Scrutiny Committees

1. At the meeting of the former Employment and Inclusion OSC in September 2004, a report was presented on a possible set of indicators to manage performance on employment and inclusion. It was noted that indicators relating to employment were dealt with through departmental performance reports from PTES. These reports will in future go to Economic Development OSC. In the case of inclusion indicators, members asked for a further report to be produced, focusing more precisely on the objects of social inclusion and that subsequent monitoring should be only on those that warrant the special attention of the Committee - eg those that were revealing worsening trends
2. I presented an update on the Social Inclusion Strategy to Cabinet on 30 June. The Strategy included a number of key actions to be achieved, together with a range of performance indicators to demonstrate progress. My intention was that these indicators should become the basis of the Committee's monitoring. It was acknowledged that further work needed to be done to develop the set of indicators over the life of the Strategy, as those currently available are not comprehensive.
3. Cabinet made a number of comments on the Strategy, including that:
 - Consideration should be given to a closer relationship between the indicators and performance actions
 - This OSC should examine the robustness of the indicators and other issues
 - Other OSCs should be asked for their views, because of the cross service nature of the Strategy
 - We should promote more active participation with partners

- ❑ Monitoring should be undertaken to see how our targets are included in partners' policies
- ❑ Further consideration should be given to how to involve communities in addressing the needs of young people and how this would relate to individuals
- ❑ The indicator used to measure trends in teenage pregnancies should be clarified

4. In view of these comments, Cabinet decided to defer consideration of the Strategy, for it to be considered by this and other OSCs, as appropriate, and then resubmitted to Cabinet for approval. In order to meet Cabinet's requirements it will be necessary for me undertake further work, in conjunction with departments and partners, and I propose to report further to the next meeting of the Committee on how this will be done and the timetable involved.

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