

APPENDIX P

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE - 2 DECEMBER 2008

Title:

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY 2008 – PROGRESS AND ACTION PLAN

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Denise Le Gal]
[Wards Affected: All]**

Summary and purpose:

The Council adopted a Social Inclusion Strategy in July 2008. The Strategy had been refreshed following work undertaken by a number of officers and a range of partners and other outside organisations whose work impacts on or is affected by Waverley's approach to social inclusion in the community.

This report details progress against the objectives set out in this Strategy and identifies areas of work still to be completed.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The objectives in the Social Inclusion Strategy support all of the Council's Corporate Priorities but particularly 'Improving Lives - improving the quality of life for all, particularly the more vulnerable in our society.' We know there are people in our society who need extra help and support, and who are at risk of being socially excluded. We aim to provide the means for that support to be available to those who need it, by working in partnership with other organisations, local communities and the thriving voluntary sector in Waverley to fund care and support services, and by ensuring that our own services target those in need.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The Social Inclusion Strategy supports the promotion of Equality & Diversity. It is a key part of ensuring Social Inclusion, and is referenced throughout the Strategy.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

There are no resource/value for money implications in this report.

Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications in this report.

Background

1. The Council adopted a Social Inclusion Strategy in July 2008. The Strategy was been refreshed following work undertaken by a number of officers and a range of partners and other outside organisations whose work impacts on or is affected by Waverley's approach to social inclusion in the community.
2. At an event held in June 2008, representatives of partners and community organisations were asked to help the Council develop its understanding of the social exclusion factors in Waverley, and to determine whether the objectives identified in the draft Strategy were the right ones to benefit our residents.
3. The Action Plan, attached at Annexe 1, sets out the objectives agreed in the Social Inclusion Strategy, progress to date against on actions under these objectives, and areas of work still to be completed. One major influence on this area of work since the adoption of the Strategy has been the economic downturn, which has led to the 'Don't lost your home or business' project.
4. It is recommended that the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who commented on the draft Social Inclusion Strategy prior to its adoption, should be requested to monitor and review progress against the Action Plan on a regular basis.

Recommendation

The Executive are requested to:

1. endorse the action plan and progress made to date attached at Annexe 1; and
2. refer the action plan to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for ongoing monitoring and review.

Background Papers (DCEx)

Waverley Borough Council, Social Inclusion Strategy, adopted July 2008

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