

Cheltenham Borough Council
Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -
9th June 2005

Project brief for work plan items

Report of the Acting Managing Director/Group Director
Social and Community

1. Executive Summary and recommendation

- 1.1 The last meeting of the committee suggested a number of potential future work plan items for consideration, and officers were asked to shape these suggestions into formal project briefs using the standard template.
- 1.2 The items proposed were:-
- Several individual aspects of disability
 - Services for young people
 - Elections and citizenship
 - BME study
- 1.3 Officers have been able to develop different approaches for each subject, as set out in the attachments to this report.
- 1.4 **Promoting disability equality in Cheltenham** – by linking together the various individual suggestions, a comprehensive review which will help to inform the council's response to the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 is proposed. The draft project brief is attached.
- 1.5 **Young People's services** – officers have linked this suggestion to the requirements of the 2004 Children Act : "Every child matters", and our own aspiration to prepare a new young persons' strategy this year. The draft project brief is attached.
- 1.6 **Elections and citizenship** – this suggestion stemmed from the committee's discussion of the Best Value review of elections and citizenship. Officers would welcome a further discussion with members after the new Assistant Director Legal Services has taken up his employment with the council. An information paper is attached.
- 1.7 **BME Study** – the cabinet is scheduled to receive the findings of the study undertaken for the council at its meeting on 28th June. Until that study is in the public domain, it would be premature to attempt to define a project brief.

- 1.8 I recommend that the committee considers the attached papers with a view to:**
- 1.8.1 amending and/or approving the project briefs for disability equality and young people's services, and agreeing member representation (if any) on the project teams;**
 - 1.8.2 identifying a small sub-group of members to brainstorm the elections and citizenship discussion paper and report back to this committee in September;**
 - 1.8.3 giving further consideration to the BME study once it has been discussed by the cabinet.**

1.9 Summary of implications

- 1.9.1 Financial** None arising from this report.
- 1.9.2 Legal** None arising from this report.
- 1.9.3 Human Resources** None arising from this report.
- 1.9.4 Equal opportunities, social justice and anti-poverty** None arising from this report.
- 1.9.5 Environmental** None arising from this report.

Background Papers	None.
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