



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee 03 February 2005

### Report of the Director of Social Services

#### **Service review of Children in Need Services for Black & Minority Ethnic (B/ME) Children & Families**

#### **Recommendation**

1. To note the service review for Children in Need for B/ME Children & Families. There has not been a comprehensive review since a 1998/9 cross service review. This and findings from other reviews that have touched on issues for B/ME Children & Families suggested a mixed picture of service provision.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 This Project Initiation Document outlines the key aims and objectives of the review. The review fits the agenda of the Race Relations Amendment Act and the Equalities Standards for Local Government.
- 2.2 The programme is led by Social Services for the City Council. It aims to work with Partner Agencies and relevant Voluntary Organisations.
- 2.3 The scope of the review is Children In Need Services. The project team will consult staff, organisations and service users using a range of methods including sub project groups, focus groups and events. The review will be an organic process, "quick wins" will be implemented during the process.
- 2.4 The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Youth has considered and is in agreement with the review and the Project Manager will report to the Social Care & Youth Co-ordination Group and quarterly to the Social Services Children's Services Management Group.

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 The Director of Social Services has agreed a budget of £6,500 for resources for consultation and participation including venues, refreshments and interpretation and signing.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The review fits with the agenda of the Race Relations Amendment Act, the Equalities Standards for Local Government, the Stephen Lawrence Enquiry and the Excellence not Excuses report by the SSI

**Personnel**

- 3.1 There are no direct personnel implications at this stage, however as a result of the review demand for services may increase leading to further pressures on staff or the need to refocus some services.

**Equalities impact**

- 4.1 The review aims to increase access to services for children and families from B/ME Communities.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.1 This fits the Corporate Priorities and Objectives of Improving Children & Young People's Prospects and improving life chances for disadvantaged people and communities