

## Black and Minority Ethnic Housing Strategy Consultation Methodology

Consultation has been conducted throughout the development of the BME Housing Strategy. The steering group helped guide the BME research and the strategic document. The BME Steering Group comprised of the following members who represent both statutory and partner organisations:

<b>Organisations Represented</b>
Derby City Council – Housing Strategy Manager
Derby City Council – Consultation Support Officer
Derby Homes – Equalities Advisor
Refugee Housing Association
Derby City Council -Housing Options Centre
Derwent Housing Association
Hallmark Housing Association
Community Safety Partnership
Derby Racial Equality Council
FCH Housing and Care
Derby City Council - Equalities Unit
Tuntum Housing Association
Home Housing Association
Guinness Trust
Riverside Midlands
Walbrook Housing Association
Derwent Housing Association
Raglan Housing Association
External Funding Unit, DCC
Home Housing
The William Sutton Trust
Derby City Council - Supporting People
Amber Valley Primary Care Trust
Housing Corporation

Once the draft BME Housing Strategy was completed along with the action plan, consultation with the main BME communities was agreed by the steering group. The main aims of the community consultation were:

- to establish which actions within the action plan are a priority for individuals within the BME community.
- to enable BME people to say if they feel the strategy and action plan has failed to identify something that is relevant to their housing needs.
- to provide an opportunity for the BME communities to view the BME Housing Strategy and influence its developed prior to completion.

It was agreed that initially, consultation would be focussed around the three main ethnic communities in Derby the Indian, Pakistani and African-Caribbean communities.

Consultation Events were held at the following locations:

- Thursday 7 October, Indian Community Centre from 6-9
- Sunday 10 October, Indian Gurdawa Temple 9 - 12
- Thursday 14 October, Pakistani Community Centre from 6-9
- Thursday 21 October, The Spot, 6-9
- Monday 15 November, West Indian Community Centre 6-9

Leaflets and posters were distributed and displayed in community-based venues and statutory organisations by the steering group to maximise awareness of the events. Community centres and leaders of the Indian, Pakistani and West Indian communities were consulted; they advised on the consultation methods for the events in order to capture the most people. A presentation of the key research findings and the Action Plan was either translated or presented in the appropriate language at each event. A short questionnaire was distributed at the events and pre-paid envelopes provided to those who wished to take the information home.