



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 16 SEPTEMBER 2004

Report of the Director of Policy

Consultation Leaflet for the BME Housing Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

1. To comment on the proposed consultation process and distribution of the attached consultation leaflet to black and minority ethnic – BME – community households.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Within the Council's Housing Strategy 2002-2006, there is a commitment to produce Derby's first BME Housing Strategy. The BME Housing Strategy Steering Group's primary role is to agree an approach to the delivery of this strategy and to coordinate the key tasks identified. One of these first key tasks is consultation with the BME communities within Derby.
- 2.2 This consultation will take place throughout the Autumn in appropriate local and community venues through the use of focus groups and presentations.
- 2.3 In order to ensure a wide ranging and inclusive consultation, the Steering Group agreed to produce a leaflet which very briefly outlines the information in the strategy and invites the members of the different communities to take part in the consultation event.
- 2.4 The leaflet has some of the information and the contact details translated into five of the most commonly used community languages: Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Chinese and Kurdish Sorani. There will also be information about access to Language Line so that the staff in the Housing Strategy and Development Unit can give any further information.
- 2.5 The leaflet will be distributed through the Housing Options Centre, Derby Homes, partner Registered Social Landlords, Community Centres and other appropriate venues.

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Background papers: None other than those already in the public domain

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The cost of consultation will be met from existing budgets.

Legal

- 2.1 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 puts a legal obligation on all public authorities to promote racial equality and good race relations between different racial groups.
- 2.2 Under the general statutory duty, the Council must make sure access to information and services is provided in a way that promotes race equality.
- 2.3 The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 puts a legal obligation on service providers to make information available in a range of formats.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. To further promote equalities throughout our diverse communities.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's objective of **strong and positive neighbourhoods**
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priority of **enhancing our community leadership role through partnership working and listening to, and communicating with, the public**