



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 17 NOVEMBER 2005

Report of the Director of Policy

### **Black and Minority Ethnic Housing Strategy 2005 – 2008 Second Round Consultation**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To consider the proposed list of groups to be consulted for the Black and Minority Ethnic – BME – Housing Strategy second round consultation exercise and agree to the proposed timetable.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The BME Housing Strategy 2005 – 2008, which was launched in May 2005, involved consultation with Indian, Pakistani, Chinese and African-Caribbean groups. The strategy recognises the need to consult with a wider range of residents in the city and this is reflected in action 18 of the strategy as follows...

“Work to further identify housing needs through additional research and consultation with BME groups”

The objective is to...

“Develop a programme of research and consultation to further identify housing needs within BME client groups”

- 2.2 Further to consultation with the Derby Law Centre, the Housing Options Centre and Refugee Housing Association, the following BME groups have been identified as the most significant in terms of the resident numbers within Derby...

- Iraqi - Kurdish
- Afghani
- Somali
- Iranian
- Eastern European – Polish, Ukrainian, Bosnian.

Appendix 2 identifies the key community groups and contacts.

- 2.3 We propose to consult these groups are consulted during the period of early December 2005 – mid January 2006 and that the key results are written up by the end of January. These results, together with a progress report on the actions of the BME Housing Strategy will be presented to MECAC in March 2006.

- 2.4 The consultation procedure will occur at a variety of community centres which represent the proposed BME groups. The venues are to be finalised in consultation with the contacts listed in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 Consultations will be promoted and advertised in conjunction with the community group leaders and we want their advice on the most appropriate methods of conducting this research.
- 2.6 In order to take this forward, the Housing Strategy & Development Unit have recruited a Housing Research Officer to undertake the research and consultation process. The results of the research will be used to inform the further development of the BME Housing Strategy.

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<b>List of appendices:</b> Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Key contacts

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

1. The cost of consultation will be met from existing budgets. The findings of the project may illustrate the need for further specialist research, which may require additional funding.

**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. A temporary Housing Research Officer has been recruited to work on this project for 50% of their time up to the end of January 2006.

**Equalities impact**

4. To further promote equalities throughout our diverse communities.

**Corporate objectives and priorities**

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's objectives of providing **healthy, safe and independent communities** and **a shared commitment to regenerating our communities**.
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priority of **working in partnership to achieve socially cohesive communities**.



## PROPOSED CONSULTATION GROUPS

<b>Community</b>	<b>Community group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Kurdish-Iraqi</b>	Kurdish Community Association	Will organise venue and translation. Initially, the focus group will consist of those who have refugee status and have lived in England for three years or more. Has contacts with other 'new' BME groups and is very interested in helping with the project.
<b>Afghani</b>	Derby Afghani Association	Meeting 11/11/05. Interested in helping with focus group.
<b>Iranian</b>	Persian Cultural Centre	Details have been exchanged. Interested in helping with focus group.
<b>Somali</b>	Derby Somali Association	BME strategy has been sent out. Interested in helping with focus group.
<b>Ukrainian</b>	Ukrainian Elderly Centre	Has shown initial interest. Focus groups can be conducted at the Elderly centre. Translation facilities are available.
<b>Polish</b>	Polish Club	Has shown initial interest.
<b>Bosnian</b>	Bosnia Herzegovina Association	Meeting on 8/11/05.