

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSIONING GROUP  
TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2007**

**Attendees:**

Bill Edwards – (Chair)  
Cllr Jean Stretton – OMBC  
Jane Hughes – VCFP  
Elma Plant – VCFP  
Moir Blood – Housing Block  
Mary Murphy – OMBC  
Liz Wilson – Cultural Partnership  
Denis Durnian – OMBC  
Jo Charlan – OMBC  
Paul Fitzpatrick – Renewal Associates  
Jo Farrington – HCOP

**Apologies**

Mark Powell (Eric Fegan) – SSC  
Yvonne Burtonwood - VCFP

**Minutes of last meeting**

The group queried the conditions of the Interfaith project. JC to find out.

**Action: JC**

**Matters Arising**

The feedback from the OP sub group was endorsed. JE has agreed that only minutes need be kept, no report necessary.

**Draft Community Strategy**

MM spoke to Paula Boshell regarding the £40K for CETO. Paula explained that they may choose to close the project on 31<sup>st</sup> of March but CETO wanted to retain £40K to retain managers and do an evaluation. This was not accepted as an option by the group. Hence, MM to feed back that the tender submitted was not good value for money and not a viable project. The value of an evaluation that has already been done was considered by the group to be questionable.

MM to respond that the group is unhappy that the offer was rejected and staff made redundant when it was specifically stated that was not wanted. Group to check and approve email before it goes out.

**Action: MM**

PF presented a review of outcomes regarding the Community Engagement Strategy. JS asked how 'use' of elected members would work, and suggested 'role' would be more appropriate.

BE said that community engagement seems to be about providing services. MB noted that the motivation of communities must be embraced, and that the aim of service delivery is not the main thing.

JS said that it is not the time to review the Community Strategy to work with Community Engagement Strategy and CC. BE will speak to MC to find out when the Community Strategy will be refreshed to work with this.

**Action: BE**

BE asked if PF could change the mission statement to reflect more about ... decision matrix, priorities and the process order in which things are done. JS commented on the linkages to community cohesion and that there are no strong links to economic inclusion ie advice work, employment, debt etc.

### **Delivery Programme**

MB suggested that for outcome A1, PF to include OHIP. PF also to include more in list of Economic. BE to go to support team to progress this.

**Action: PF/BE**

1 – Mapping exercise on community engagement activity, work begun but need to build on that. A focus on LAA targets, also future activity.

3 – Comes from further discussions.

4 – OMBC working on this.

5 – Next year – not ready.

6 – Should be looked at now – some work should already be going on – should not just mention one organisation, should say whole sector. Work to capacity build in terms of commissioning voluntary sector and to train wide.

Ability to lead other organisations. PF – data needs to be census compatible.

7+8 – Infrastructure capacity. 6, 7 and 8 to be joined.

9 – further down line – need to get to this position.

10 – Work should have been addressed via CEC work already commissioned.

11, 12, 13 – Capacity buildings.

- Mapping
- Commissioning activities in Communities
- Partnership development and Community Engagement
- Localism

Not all £270k will be used for mapping exercise.

MB said that there is a need to make some projects say how they'll do things.

Report – how much funding is available, what's expected and restrictions.

JF to get a write up of the workshop to send out to the group.

**Action: JF**

**Any Other Business**

None.

**Date and venue of Next Meeting**

Wed May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am.