

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 13 September 2010

REPORT ON: Commissioned Service - Scoping Exercise with Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 560-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee about plans to engage the Yusef Youth Initiative to conduct a scoping exercise with BME communities in Dundee to establish the Youth Work support needs for BME young people.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approves plans to commission the Yusef Youth Initiative (Y.Y.I.) to carry out the scoping exercise.
- 2.2 It is recommended that Committee approves the payment of £5,000 to Y.Y.I. to enable the organisation to carry out this work.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This expenditure can be met from the Leisure & Communities Department's 2010/11 Revenue Budget.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Since 2005 Youth Workers in the Leisure and Communities Department have worked closely with the Yusef Youth Initiative to build cultural links between young people of different backgrounds in Dundee.
- 4.2 This cultural integration work has focussed very much on links with young Muslims in Dundee. It is recognised that there is a need to broaden involvement across all of the BME communities in Dundee.

5.0 MAIN TEXT

- 5.1 This project is intended to establish contact with key communities, develop a network of contact and draft a strategy for engaging young people in BME communities in Dundee.
- 5.2 A key outcome for this project will be the development of support to enable BME young people to engage with the new Youth Council in Dundee.
- 5.3 The project will take place between October 2010 and March 2011 and the final report will be submitted by no later than the end of April 2011.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background paper as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 was relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

Equalities and Diversity Impact Assessment

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