



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 21st July 2008

Subject: Inquiry on Voluntary Community Faith Sector – Draft Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Board at its last meeting agreed to carry out an inquiry on the Voluntary Community Faith Sector and asked for draft terms of reference to be submitted to today's meeting.

1.2 A copy of the draft terms of reference is attached.

2.0 Views of the Director and Executive Member

2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the Board seeks and considers the views of the relevant Director and Executive Member. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.

2.2 This particular inquiry will involve a number of departments and partners but principally the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and the Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for Neighbourhoods and Housing. The relevant Director and Executive Member have been invited to comment on these terms of reference before the meeting today.

2.3 Any comments received will be reported to the Board today.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry having regard to any comments that may be received from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods or the Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for Neighbourhoods and Housing.