



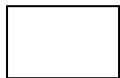
## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (City and Regional Partnerships)

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008

### Subject: Progress Reports of the Board's Working Groups

#### 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 Scrutiny Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 established a Skills Working Group and a Small Businesses Working Group to draft suitable terms of reference for consideration by the Board with a view to undertaking inquiries on these issues.

## 2.0 Skills Working Group

2.1 The Skills Working Group comprising of Councillors Bentley, Driver and Yeadon met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and a note of that meeting is attached for consideration by the Board.

2.2 Draft terms of reference will be submitted to the Working Group for further discussion shortly and their recommendations for an inquiry on skills will be submitted to the Board meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 for approval.

2.3 Councillor J Lewis expressed an interest to be a Member of the Working Group and he has had discussions with the Principal Scrutiny Advisor. Councillor Lewis will be invited to attend the next meeting of the working group when it considers the draft terms of reference.

## 3.0 Small Businesses Working Group

3.1 Arrangements have been made for the Small Business Working Group to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and a note of that meeting will be circulated to Members of the Board for consideration today.

## 4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Board is asked to receive and comment upon the meetings of the Working Group and to note progress to date.