



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

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Report to Inner West Area Committee

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Subject: Leeds Metropolitan University – Draft Community Engagement Statement

Electoral Wards Affected:

Armley
Bramley and Stanningley

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call in Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

Leeds Metropolitan University is among the largest higher education institutions in the United Kingdom. Of its 26,000 students, over 22% come from Leeds itself with a further 37% from West Yorkshire. Over 80% of its 2,500 staff live in West Yorkshire. The impact on the local economy of Leeds Met's expenditure in 2006 was calculated to be the equivalent of around 4,200 jobs and £295 million in output. In this very real sense, Leeds Met is embedded in the city and the region. This paper outlines how the university intend to develop their approach to community partnership.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

To provide the Committee with Leeds Metropolitan University's draft Community Engagement Statement.

2.0 Background Information

The Statement has been developed through the University's Corporate Social Responsibility Group and has previously been presented to the Inner North-West Area Committee. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the Area Manager, the Statement was added to the schedule of business for the Inner West Area Committee.

3.0 Main Issues

The University is seeking comments on the draft Statement from key stakeholders, such as Leeds City Council. The University will also undertake further consultation with community stakeholders in due course. Appendix 1 provides more detail on the community engagement statement.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

. None for LCC.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

None for LCC.

6.0 Equality Considerations

None for LCC.

7.0 Conclusions

The Committee is invited to discuss the Statement.

8.0 Recommendations

The Committee is invited to receive the report.