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SOCIAL FORUM

**To be held at Christchurch, King Street, Great Yarmouth
on Thursday, 4 December 2008 at 1.30 pm**

A G E N D A

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Member of the Social Forum must declare an interest in an item on the agenda if a decision on the matter could be to the financial advantage of the Member, or his or her family and friends. Having declared an interest, the Member must not take part in the discussion of an item. A Member need not, however, declare an interest when the matter relates to funding for the organisation which the Member represents.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

... To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2008 (pages 1 – 5).

3. MATTERS ARISING

To consider any matters arising from the above minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL FORUM AND THE SUB-GROUPS

The Forum will be asked to discuss the future Shape and Role of the Social Forum and the Sub-Groups.

5. SOCIAL COHESION

Rob Gregory will give the Forum an overview of the Social Cohesion Sub-Group along with its delivery and targets.

6. HOUSING ISSUES

Mark Burns will give the Forum an overview of Housing Issues and Performance against targets.

7. WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS

The LSP Officer will give an update on the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

8. ROLL OUT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT

The Forum will be asked to discuss the roll out of a proposed Neighbourhood Management Model. Rob Gregory will lead the discussion.

9. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Forum will be asked to discuss times and frequency of future meetings.

10. To consider such other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

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**GREAT YARMOUTH SOCIAL FORUM
(NOTES OF THE INQUORATE GREAT YARMOUTH
SOCIAL FORUM MEETING)**

4 September 2008 – 1.30 pm

PRESENT:

Representing Great Yarmouth Sports Partnership:
Jim West (in the Chair)

Representing Great Yarmouth Borough Council:
Councillor Collins, Pam Fox, Robert Read and Karline Edmonds

Representing Community Connections:
Trish Aydin and Michael Collins

Representing Great Yarmouth People:
Alan Ellinson and Mike Hewitt

Representing Great Yarmouth Disability Forum:
Lindsay Seward

Representing Norfolk County Council:

Councillor John Holmes

Representing Great Yarmouth Voluntary Sector Partnership:
Paul Cheeseman

Representing Great Yarmouth Community Trust:
Kate Platt

Representing First Move Furnish Aid:
Michael Jeal

Representing Great Yarmouth Community Housing Board:
Mr R King (tenant member)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Lynn Blizzard, Carol Congreve, Tony Dadoun, Naji Darwish, Tim Leonard and Councillor Shrimplin.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 June 2008 were noted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Rainbow Savers Credit Union

The Forum were informed that the Rainbow Savers Credit Union had now signed up their hundredth member.

(b) Health Trainers

It was reported that Helen Crowe did not introduce herself as a new Health Trainer at the previous meeting but as a new Health Trainer Manager.

4. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

The Social Forum were asked to note the updates from the Working Group's attached to the agenda along with the tabled update from Great Yarmouth and Waveney Partnership for Health.

5. LSP STOCKTAKE

Pam Fox introduced herself to the Forum stating that she had been employed by Great Yarmouth Borough Council six months ago and had been looking at the LSP structure. It was reported that there was a need for the LSP to be ready for Local Government reorganisation changes,

along with the Comprehensive Area Assessment changes. She reported that she has spoken to 25 – 30 people who were partners across the LSP. Her overall impression of the Local Strategic Partnership was that this was a strong LSP. She was now seeking feedback on the report attached to the agenda.

Trish Aydin stated that now partnership working was included in the document, there was a need to ensure that community and voluntary sectors would be involved in the Forums. Members stated they felt that the Social Forum should have a campaigning element to it and that Councillors should be more involved in the LSP. A Member asked if a compact could be included in the revised document and Pam Fox stated this would be included.

It was felt the community interest groups would work better than thematic groups and that the comments received from the voluntary sector so far had been positive about the document and towards the changes. A Member stated they felt the LSP Board became involved in issues that the LSP Executive should have dealt with, that there was a need for membership changes and a need for organisations to stop bypassing Forums and presenting their cases straight to the LSP Executive. However, the overall opinion was that the document was a good document and the changes were welcomed. The Community Housing tenant officer stated that the document provided clearer guidance.

The Chairman stated that the Social Forum currently had no funding, no resources and so he felt there was a need for change as well. The Voluntary Sector representative stated that Members do not attend the Social Forum as they cannot directly influence any issues and, therefore, the membership had fallen. Members stated that if Members were not attending the meetings that membership should be reduced. The Voluntary Sector representative stated that many Members attend other Forums which have more influence. Members stated that there was a need to ask the local communities what their issues were and to then deal with these issues only.

6. PROPOSED MOVE TO DELIVERY GROUPS

The Forum was asked to discuss the proposed move of the LSP towards delivery groups. A Member stated that the Social Forum now needed to investigate what issues the Social Forum could address. The Chairman

reminded the Forum that without funding the Forum would find it difficult to deliver on these issues. A Member asked if the Terms of Reference for the Social Forum could be agreed.

7. DELIVERY OF SOCIAL FORUM AGENDA

The Social Forum was asked to note the recent White Paper "Real People Real Power" attached to the agenda and the Forum expressed concern of delivery at a local level if funding would be going to a national level, stating that this would then be given to national charities. It would be difficult to implement, at a lower level, the proposals made by the Government.

8. REVISED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Pam Fox informed the Social Forum that she had looked at the previous SCS document which was 137 pages and had defined this to then include the lack of focus on people, cohesion, deprivation and equality and diversity issues. The revised document was attached to the agenda and the Forum was asked to consider this and for any comments to be forwarded to Pam via email at paf@great-yarmouth.gov.uk by 12 September 2008 in order for these to be included in the document which would be presented to the Joint LSP Board and Executive Meeting on 25 September 2008.

9. MINUTES FROM THE OTHER FORA

Members of the Social Forum noted the minutes attached to the agenda.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) The Forum asked for the Terms of Reference of the Social Forum to be agreed by the sub-group and it was agreed that a meeting would be held in the near future to discuss this.
- (b) The Forum asked for a review of Quoracy to be carried out along with the membership of the Social Forum in order for this to be reduced.

(c) Frequency of Meetings

The Forum asked for meetings to be held more frequently.

The meeting asked for a special meeting to be held to discuss the Terms of Reference and membership.

11. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETING

The date of the next Social Forum meeting is 4 December 2008 at 1.30 pm.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm.

