

RACE EQUALITY SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT

Report By: Head of Policy and Communication

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To update the Committee on progress made against the Action Plan designed to deliver the Council's Race Equality Scheme.

Background

2. In line with the Race Relations Amendment Act (2000), Herefordshire Council published a Race Equality Scheme in May 2002 providing a framework for how the Council intends to promote race equality through;
 - Eliminating unlawful racial discrimination
 - Promotion of equality opportunity
 - Promotion of good relations between people of different racial groups

It is an integral part of the race equality scheme that the progress is monitored. The Chief Executive's Management Team has considered the report at Appendix 1 and Cabinet considered progress against the action plan on the 29th January 2004. Given the deadline for producing this report, any comments Cabinet made will be reported orally at the meeting.

3. A new action plan was approved by Cabinet in October 2003. The table at Appendix 1 contains details of progress against those actions set out within the Race Equality scheme that have deadlines prior to January 2004.
4. An interim report has been received from University College Chichester on the research project it has been commissioned to undertake. The interim report is subject to significant change resulting from the on-going research. The final report will be presented following completion of the research project in June 2004.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the actions taken and progress to date be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Herefordshire Council Race Equality Scheme

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Alan Blundell,
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