

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Board of Directors – 5 December 2007

Future Options following SNR

Report of the Equality and Diversity Partnership

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise members of the work being taken forward by the Equality and Diversity Partnership looking at future options.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the proposed elements of the Partnership's work-plan for 2008/09 and to consider contributing to this work.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Partnership last met on 18th October, the agenda and minutes of the meeting can be found at www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities. One of the key discussions at this meeting was around the affects of the Sub-National Review on equality and diversity and social cohesion in the region, as well as the commencement of the Equality and Human Rights regional hub on 1st October, and the end of funding for the post of Equality & Diversity Director in January 2009. As a consequence, the Equality & Diversity Partnership held an "away-day" on 15th November, to discuss the future options of the Partnership, including where it would best sit post-2010. An initial report on the findings of this event will be available shortly. In addition, a large element of the Partnership's 2008/09 work-plan will be the setting-up and running of a sub-group to look at, and discuss with, key stakeholders how the work of the Equality & Diversity Partnership is taken forward.

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