

**Extract of Minute from District Executive 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010****138. Adoption of Single Equality Scheme (Agenda Item 13)**

The Portfolio Holder for Health, Housing, Inclusion and Revenues and Benefits advised that the Single Equality Scheme was a statutory document which the Council were obliged to have as a policy for all staff. He drew Members attention to the Action Plan detailing the key objectives to be met by services to promote equality and diversity across the district.

The Community Cohesion Officer confirmed that full consultation with the South Somerset Disability Forum had taken place during the compilation of the document.

The Chief Executive commended the Community Cohesion Officer for her dedication in completing the document and her enthusiasm in including all staff in the consultation and action plan.

During discussion, it was noted from the Scrutiny Committee suggestions that the Corporate Equalities Group may be more appropriate to champion equality issues than the Area Vice Chairmen. The Chairman asked that this point be brought to full Council for consideration.

Members were content to endorse the Single Equality Scheme to full Council for adoption and asked that it also be presented to the Area Committees for information.

**RESOLVED:** That the District Executive endorsed the Single Equality Scheme 2009 – 2012 as presented and recommended its adoption by full Council.

**Reason:** To propose the formal adoption of the Single Equality Scheme 2009 - 2012 document by full Council.

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