AGENDA ITEM NO. 7(2)



# POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21ST JULY 2009

## SUBJECT: DELIVERING ON THE EQUALITIES AGENDA

## **REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 At the previous Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee, Members requested a report detailing the costs of delivering the Council's Equality Agenda.

### 2. THE REPORT

- 2.1 There are currently seven separate equality strands which impact on all services, all of which are backed by legislation and have to be considered by all Council services, ie Race; Disability; Welsh Language; Gender; Age; Sexual Orientation; Religion and Belief.
- 2.2 The costs of providing these services from the core can be summarised as:-

Equalities (core funding)	£208,000	(including Welsh Language/Linguistics)
50+ (grant)	£125,000	
Disability DDA	£400,000	

2.3 Clearly, these costs do not include mainstream funding for service provision in Directorates such as Children's / Adult's Services and Teaching Staff which would of, course, have core equalities delivery and would run into millions, eg Disability Services (£2.3m); Voluntary Sector funding (£1.3m).

#### 3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report.
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