

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 28 April 2008

REPORT ON: Employment Equality Monitoring

REPORT BY: Assistant Chief Executive (Management)

REPORT NO.: 237-2008

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the employment equality monitoring statistics for 2008.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee notes the employment equality monitoring statistics detailed in the attached appendices.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Council's Race Equality and Diversity Scheme 2005-2008, Disability Equality and Diversity Scheme 2007-2010 and Gender Equality and Diversity Scheme 2007 - 2010 set out how the Council plans to meet the requirements of employment legislation and gives a commitment to equality monitoring.

4.2 Equality monitoring allows the Council to highlight possible inequalities, investigate the underlying causes and remove any unfairness or disadvantage in employment and recruitment. Monitoring also allows us to check that the Council's equality policies are working.

4.3 Dundee City Council is currently transferring from ISIS, payroll/personnel system to Resource Link, new payroll/personnel system. It is anticipated that all employee records will have transferred to Resource Link by April 2008. As part of this process employees are asked to complete a transfer form which included equality monitoring information.

4.4 The statistics detailed in this report have been generated from a number of different and independent information systems. These systems are ISIS (Outgoing Personnel/Payroll System), Resource Link (New Personnel/Payroll System), HR Director (Recruitment System), Organisational Development's Training Database, Information Technology's Training Database and individual departments training records/databases.

- 4.5 All employees have now completed a transfer form which when added to the information gained from the systems referred to in 6.4 has enabled Dundee City Council to fully report the equality details of its employees.
- 4.6 For data protection purposes no record of less than five has been reported in the attached appendices.
- 4.7 From the information detailed in the attached appendices there is still a relatively high incidence of non disclosure of information with 15% of employees failing to enter their ethnic background, 30% failing to enter their religious belief and 19% failing to enter any disability information. Once all employees have been transferred every effort will be made to reduce the level of non disclosure.
- 4.8 In 2007, the Council recruited 625 new employees. Equality monitoring information for successful applicants is detailed in the attached appendices. Non disclosure of equality information is again relatively high and every effort will be made to encourage greater disclosure of information in future.
- 4.9 The Council is continuing to develop corporate systems to enable the Council to report fully on training requested and undertaken by employees. Council Departments have been requested to set up interim systems to ensure more complete information can be reported.
- 4.10 The Equal Opportunities section of the Application for Employment form has been amended to ensure that the authority will be in a position to improve its monitoring information. This has been achieved by inserting a question on whether the applicant is applying for a promoted post; a breakdown of disability into a number of classifications; the addition of a further age band to capture information in relation to applicants/employees aged over 65; and a question covering religious belief.
- 4.11 An analysis of Dundee City Council's 2008 equality monitoring figures has been compared to the 2001 census results for Dundee and Scotland and can be seen at appendix 5. Based on these figures it is difficult to reach any conclusions due to the relatively high rate of non disclosure.

5 FUTURE ACTIONS

- 5.1 The equality monitoring statistics will be analysed by the Race Equality and Diversity Group (REDAG), Gender Equality and Diversity Action Group (GEDAG) and the Disability Action Group (DAG) and, if required, action plans prepared to address any issues. Action plans will be subject to review on an annual basis following the publication of the equality monitoring statistics. It is acknowledged that this analysis will be of a limited nature until all employees' records have transferred to Resourcelink.
- 5.2 The Personnel Department will continue to provide advice and guidance to departmental training co-ordinators in order for them to develop or establish systems where training can be recorded and reported. The system will require to record training requested and undertaken and whether training resulted from the Staff Development Review process.
- 5.3 Employees who did not disclose monitoring information or have an incomplete disclosure of information relating to equalities will be contacted and encouraged to fully disclose the information.

- 5.4 The council is currently reviewing where it advertises vacancies. The purpose of the review will be to ensure that every reasonable step is made to encourage the wider community to apply for council vacancies.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Education, Director of Leisure and Communities and the Chairs of the equality groups have been consulted and are in agreement with this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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Religious Belief	Job Applicant	Successful Applicants	Employees in Post	Employees who have lodged Grievances	Employees Subject to Disciplinary Action	Employees Who Cease Employment	Applications by Employees	Training Courses Provided
Other Christian	46	18	450		Less than 5	26	495	533
Church of Scotland	223	65	1763	5	12	109	2096	2054
Church of England		Less than 5	92		Less than 5	10	98	145
Hindu	6		9				7	13
Muslim	19	Less than 5	24			Less than 5	21	42
Sikh		Less than 5	6					Less than 5
Roman Catholic	156	52	1222	8	21	62	2444	1868
Buddhist	Less than 5	Less than 5	12			Less than 5	14	13
Jewish			Less than 5					
Other Religion	13	13	148	Less than 5	Less than 5	9	251	217
No Religion	373	74	1388	5	6	80	1776	1539
Unitarian			5				8	23
No Entry		349	2730	6	32	389	5088	3572
Unspecified		45	1145	Less than 5	12	58	1497	1244

*No Entry - No information available or left blank by employee

The Commission for Racial Equality's guidance states that sub-sets of less than 5 should not be published. The guidance also ensures compliance with the Data Protection Act. Sub-sets of less than 5 are reported as "Less than 5" above.

Ethnic Origin	Job Applicant	Successful Applicants	Employees in Post	Employees who have lodged Grievances	Employees Subject to Disciplinary Action	Employees Who Cease Employment	Applications by Employees	Training Courses Provided
Scottish	17514	263	6483	18	43	301	9525	7968
English	1132	12	329	Less than 5	Less than 5	23	434	391
Welsh	89	Less than 5	19	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	41	30
Other British	638	Less than 5	96		8	82	92	112
Irish	199	Less than 5	68			Less than 5	106	84
Other White	658	9	107	Less than 5	5	12	119	82
Mixed	87	Less than 5	15		Less than 5	Less than 5	13	10
Indian	246	Less than 5	12				Less than 5	11
Bangladeshi	27		5					
Pakistani	188	Less than 5	11			Less than 5	14	16
Chinese	120	5	11					Less than 5
Other Asian	47	Less than 5	17		Less than 5	Less than 5	14	22
Caribbean	20	Less than 5	Less than 5					
African	255		Less than 5	Less than 5		Less than 5		
Other Black	9		Less than 5		Less than 5	Less than 5		9
Other Ethnic Background	138		51				5	16
No Entry		309	1345	Less than 5	17	281	2905	2085
Unspecified		15	420	5	7	34	523	426

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Disability	Job Applicant	Successful Applicants	Employees in Post	Employees who have lodged Grievances	Employees Subject to Disciplinary Action	Employees Who Cease Employment	Applications by Employees	Training Courses Provided
Yes	611	Less than 5	145		Less than 5	7	199	179
Physical or Motor Impairment	7		Less than 5					
Mental Health Problem	6		Less than 5		Less than 5			
Learning Difficulties/Disabilities	Less than 5		Less than 5					
Hearing Impairment - Full/Partial	7		Less than 5		Less than 5			
Visual Impairment - Full/Partial	7		Less than 5					
Multiple Disabilities	Less than 5							
Other Chronic Condition or Disability	13		5					
No	20478	262	7085	23	50	340	10229	8614
No Entry		361	1748	6	35	401	3367	2471

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Gender	Job Applicant	Successful Applicants	Employees in Post	Employees who have lodged Grievances	Employees Subject to Disciplinary Action	Employees Who Cease Employment	Applications by Employees	Training Courses Provided
Male	8378	184	3073	12	48	299	1979	2832
Female	12989	441	5922	17	40	449	11651	8432
No Entry							165	

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Religion	Scotland	%	Dundee	%	Dundee City Council	%
No Religion	1,394,460	27.55	42,192	29.0	1,388	15.4
Church of Scotland	2,146,251	42.40	50,787	34.9	1,763	19.6
Roman Catholic	803,732	15.88	29,328	20.1	1,222	13.6
Other Christian	344,562	6.81	9,637	6.6	542	6.0
Buddhist	6,830	0.13	240	0.2	12	0.1
Hindu	5,564	0.11	380	0.3	9	0.1
Jewish	6,448	0.13	60	0.0	Less than 5	0.0
Muslim	42,557	0.84	2,859	2.0	24	0.3
Sikh	6,572	0.13	206	0.1	6	0.1
Another Religion	26,974	0.53	940	0.6	153	1.7
Not Answered	278,061	5.49	9,034	6.2	2,730	30.4
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	1,145	12.7

Gender	Scotland	%	Dundee	%	Dundee City Council	%
Male	2,432,494	48.05	69,140	47.5	3,073	34.2
Female	2,629,517	51.95	76,523	52.5	5,922	65.8

Ethnic Group	Scotland	%	Dundee	%	Dundee City Council	%
White	4,960,334	97.99	140,330	96.3	7,102	79.0
Indian	15,037	0.30	1,023	0.7	12	0.1
Pakistani	31,793	0.63	1,723	1.2	11	0.1
Bangladeshi	1,981	0.04	233	0.2	5	0.1
Other South Asian	6,196	0.12	416	0.3	17	0.2
Chinese	16,310	0.32	699	0.5	11	0.1
Black	8,025	0.16	383	0.3	6	0.1
Any Mixed Religion	12,764	0.25	395	0.3	15	0.2
Other Ethnic Group	9,571	0.19	461	0.3	51	0.6
No Data Available	0	0.00	0	0.0	1,345	15.0
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	420	4.7

Source: 2001 Census
2008 DCC Equality Monitoring Figures