

## **2 ESTABLISHMENT OF COLDSIDE COMMUNITY FORUM AS A RECOGNISED NEIGHBOURHOOD REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE (AN164-2009)**

Reference having been made to Item II of the Neighbourhood Development and Resources Committee of 11th November 2002, the Committee is asked to approve Coldside Community Forum as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure with the same level of recognitions applied to Community Councils.

The application submitted on behalf of the Coldside Community Forum satisfies the criteria set out in Report 725-2002.

•	Coldside Community Forum is constituted and has named office bearers.
•	The geographic area covered by Coldside Community Forum is defined by the area bounded by Coldside Ward.
•	Membership of Coldside Community Forum is open to all persons aged 16 and over living in the stated area. Residents under this age can be represented at the Partnership but will not have voting rights.
•	Coldside Community Forum has a Committee of 12 members. They were elected at Coldside Community Forum's inaugural meeting on Wednesday, 27th May 2009. All members will serve until the next AGM which will be held no later than 15 months from 27th May 2009.
•	Coldside Community Forum has a Community Engagement Action Plan that identifies a number of methods for seeking the view of the local community and involving constituents in the work of the organisation.
•	Coldside Community Forum's constitution commits organisations to develop practice which respects equal opportunities and to operate in ways which are consistent with accepted standards of public office.
•	Coldside Community Forum will comply with the requirements of Accounts Commission/COSLA Code of Guidance on "Following the Public Pound".

In satisfying the formal criteria for recognition as a Neighbourhood Representative Structure, Coldside Community Forum will qualify for access to grant aid, support, information and consultation from all Council departments, along similar lines to that afforded to properly constituted and recognised Community Councils.