



Title of Paper:	An evaluation of the Bristol Race Equality Covid-19 Steering Group
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Purpose:	Information and discussion

1. Purpose of the Paper

- To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the evaluation findings
- To recommend that the learning on enabling inclusive and proactive responses to social challenges is utilised and disseminated

2. Background, evidence base, and what needs to happen

In early 2020 evidence emerged regarding the disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on those in minoritized ethnic groups living in the UK. Bristol City Council commissioned a report from the University of Bristol to document the nature and drivers of the inequalities, and a new Race Equality Covid-19 Steering Group was formed to work together to respond to the report's recommendations.

An evaluation was carried out to explore the value and limitations of the Steering Group approach, as described by those involved in it. The study found that Bristol's Race Equality Covid-19 Steering Group provided an effective response to some of the particular difficulties experienced by those in minoritized ethnic groups living in the city during the pandemic. This was achieved through the provision of comprehensive and accessible empirical evidence and ensuring effective and culturally-inclusive responses to the issues this identified. It also provided a template for more engaged approaches to policy development and insights into the value offered by multi-sectoral collaboration in the absence of professional hierarchies and complicated institutional bureaucracies.

Factors key to the success of the Steering Group are detailed in the report (below).

3. Recommendations

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board utilises and disseminates the learning on enabling inclusive and proactive responses to social challenges

4. Appendices

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