

## POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION MONITOR FOR LONDON

### Background

This is the Foundation's most recent initiative. The purpose of this work is to gain a better understanding of poverty and social exclusion issues in the capital and assess what progress is being made. The independent think-tank, New Policy Institute has been appointed to undertake the research.

We expect this information to build on previous research such as the Mayor of London's *London Divided* report and Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion trends.

### Aims

- To gain a better understanding of the factors contributing to poverty and social exclusion in London and the impact this has on the lives of Londoners.
- To measure and analyse Government performance on key areas related to these issues.
- To identify emerging trends and concerns, which may not be in the policy spotlight.
- To help CPF, as well as others, to develop policies and undertake work to tackle poverty and social exclusion in London.

### Objectives

- To identify and collate key poverty and social exclusion statistics relating to London into an accessible data resource.
- To develop related sets of indicators to monitor major poverty and social exclusion trends which are particularly relevant to London.
- To maintain and update a database of indicators.
- To produce a final written report and a key findings summary.

**Timescale:** Contract awarded: February 2008; the Monitor will be published in January 2009 and will be accompanied by a website which will be updated regularly.

**Amount allocated:** £60,000

### Advisory Group members

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