

## **NEIGHBOURHOODS, INCLUSION, COMMUNITIES AND EQUALITIES COMMITTEE**

### **Explanatory Note**

This committee has overall responsibility for co-ordinating the Council's approach to communities, neighbourhoods and the third sector, including all matters relating to libraries, community safety and resilience, equalities and inclusion. The Committee discharges its functions by either making decisions itself or, as necessary, making recommendations to the most appropriate body. Some of its terms of reference overlap with other committees. Where this is the case, the relevant committees have concurrent delegations. It consists of 10 Members, but it may invite representatives from communities, LATs and others to attend as invitees with speaking rights.

### **Delegated functions**

To discharge the Council's functions relating to libraries, community safety, neighbourhoods and community development including councillor budgets and also the Council's customer-facing services, the third sector, street homelessness, equalities and fairness, as well as the development of proposals in relation to its front-line enforcement functions. The Committee exercises its functions with due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, while co-ordinating the Council's delivery of its statutory Prevent duty imposed by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

#### **1. Community safety**

To discharge the Council's functions regarding community safety, crime and disorder and associated matters in particular where these require member-level engagement and consultation with the community.

NOTE: The committee will work in conjunction with the Safe in the City Partnership and the work of the two bodies will be co-ordinated to ensure that they complement each other and avoid duplication where possible.

#### **2. Crime and Disorder Committee**

To be the designated Crime and Disorder Committee as required under the Police and Justice Act 2006.

#### **3. Neighbourhood and community development**

- a) To consider options and develop proposals for neighbourhood arrangements, including capacity building, use of assets and devolving powers and services to neighbourhoods and making recommendations to the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee.

- b) To monitor and review the operation of any neighbourhood based delivery of services and make recommendations as necessary.

**4. Development of proposals relating to the Council's frontline enforcement functions.**

To develop and oversee proposals for Field Officers and the vision for the provision of integrated support to the Council's frontline enforcement functions.

**5. Active Citizenship and Community Resilience**

- a) To develop, oversee and make decisions regarding the proposals to increase active citizenship and make recommendations to Policy, Resources and Growth Committee.
- b) To develop, oversee and make decisions regarding the proposals to improve community resilience and make recommendations to Policy, Resources and Growth Committee.

**6. Community and voluntary sector, including social impact bonds**

- a) To develop, oversee and make decisions regarding the implementation of the Council's Communities and Third Sector Policy, investment in and support to the community and voluntary sector.
- b) To exercise the Council's functions in relation to social impact bonds delivered by the community and voluntary sector.

**7. Councillor budgets**

- a) To develop the Council's approach to councillor budgets within the framework set by Policy, Resources & Growth Committee.
- b) To oversee all aspects of the delivery of the councillor budget process.

**8. Customer Services, including Digital First (and Digital Brighton & Hove)**

To monitor and review the Council's delivery of its customer services across all areas including its Digital First transformation programme as well as digital inclusion.

**9. Libraries**

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to libraries.

**10. Street homelessness**

To coordinate the Council's policies and actions with a view to reducing and eliminating street homelessness and, in conjunction with the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee and Housing and New Homes Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board, to ensure that appropriate action is taken.

#### **11. Equalities**

- a) To discharge the Council's functions regarding equalities and inclusion.
- b) Implementation of equalities related scrutiny or other recommendations, including Trans Scrutiny Report.

#### **12 Fairness**

- a) To develop proposals for a Fairness Commission and make recommendations to the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee.
- b) To consider proposals or recommendations submitted by the Fairness Commission and advise the Council or Policy, Resources and Growth Committee on implementation.
- c) To monitor implementation of recommendations of the Fairness Commission.
- d) Working with other committees and partners to promote fairness in the delivery of services.

#### **13 Prevent duty**

- a) Carrying out its functions with due regard to the statutory Prevent duty imposed by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which requires the Council to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism.
- b) Monitoring risk and otherwise co-ordinating Prevent activity across the Council's functions.

