EQUALITIES, COMMUNITY SAFETY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Explanatory Note

This committee has overall responsibility for co-ordinating the Council's approach to equalities, communities and the third sector, including all matters relating to community safety 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.

Delegated functions

To discharge the Council's functions relating to equalities, community safety, neighbourhoods and community development and the third sector. The Committee exercises its functions with due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, while co-ordinating through its Prevent Board the Council's delivery of its statutory Prevent duty imposed by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

1. Equalities

To discharge the Council's functions regarding equalities, inclusion and Human Rights.

2. 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 Brighton & Hove Community Safety Partnership and the work of the two bodies will be coordinated to ensure that they complement each other and avoid duplication where possible.

3. Community and voluntary sector

To develop, oversee and make decisions regarding the implementation of the Council's Communities and Third Sector policies, investment in and support to the community and voluntary sector.

4. Crime and Disorder Committee

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

5. Neighbourhood and community development

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

6. 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 through the Prevent Board.

7. Active Citizenship and Community Resilience

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

8. Refugee and Migrant Integration

To oversee plans and programmes of support for resettling refugees and asylum seekers, bringing communities together and ensuring people are welcome, including City of Sanctuary commitments.

9. Modern Slavery

To approve the Council's Modern Slavery Statement

10. Libraries Service

To oversee the Council's Libraries and information service and recommending the Libraries Plan to full Council for approval.