

NEIGHBOURHOODS, COMMUNITIES AND EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

Explanatory Note

This committee has overall responsibility for co-ordinating the Councils approach regarding communities and neighbourhoods, third sector, community safety and resilience, equalities and inclusion. It discharges these 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 community safety, neighbourhoods and community development, third sector, street homelessness, equalities and fairness, including, but not limited to the following.

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 Overview & Scrutiny Committee (in its capacity as a Crime and Disorder Committee) and the work of the three bodies will be co-ordinated to ensure that they complement each other and avoiding duplication where possible.

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

3. Active Citizenship and Community Resilience

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

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

4. Community and voluntary sector

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.

5. Street homelessness

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

6. 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.

7. Fairness

- a) To develop proposals for a Fairness Commission and make recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee.
- b) To consider proposals or recommendations submitted by the Fairness Commission and advise the Council or Policy & Resources 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.