

Report for: Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2015

Item number: 9

Title: Social Inclusion

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Report for non-key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Social inclusion is a current topic within the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2015/16.
- 1.2 The 30th November Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting is dedicated to a discussion with the lead Cabinet member for social inclusion on how the scrutiny work programme can add value to this cross-cutting area of work.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny committee give consideration to how the work programme for 2015/16 can add value to the Council's approach to social inclusion.

4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1 No decision is required at this time.

5. Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 N/A

6. Background Information

- 6.1 A **Fair and Equal Borough** is our cross-cutting approach to addressing social inclusion within the Corporate Plan. A draft action plan was developed as part of

the Corporate Plan process and Jeanelle de Gruchy was identified as the lead officer for this cross-cutting theme.

- 6.2 A Haringeystat session on social inclusion was held on 21st July 2015 and was attended by Council officers, Cabinet members, members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and a range of partner organisations. The Haringeystat provided an overview of key data relating to inclusion within the borough and highlighted some key messages in terms of current outcomes for our residents. A copy of the Haringeystat slides will be circulated alongside this report.
- 6.3 The Haringeystat identified a number of key challenges for how we address social inclusion within the borough and proposed that the existing Fair and Equal Borough action plan should be revised to reflect these challenges and define our local priorities for inclusion.
- 6.4 Social Inclusion has been identified as a key area of focus within the 2015/16 Overview and Scrutiny work programme. The meeting on 30th November is an opportunity for the committee to discuss with the Cabinet member how the scrutiny work programme can add value to our approach to developing our local approach to social inclusion.

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

- 7.1 Social Inclusion links to our cross-cutting Corporate Plan theme of 'A Fair and Equal Borough', which underpins our ambition to tackle the underlying factors of poverty, discrimination and exclusion in the borough.

8. Statutory Officer Comments

Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications

8.1

Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and Legal Implications

8.2

Equality and Community Cohesion Comments

8.3

Head of Procurement Comments

- 8.4 There are no procurement requirements for this report.

9. Planned Use of Appendices for Final Report

- Appendix A – initial Criteria for claimaing Universal Credit
- Appendix B –

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 N/A