

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Matters referred by Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee – <i>promoting a sense of belonging</i> review		
<b>Key decision</b>	No	<b>Item No.</b>	
<b>Contributors</b>	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date</b>	16 January 2013

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report presents the final report and recommendations arising from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee's *promoting a sense of belonging* review, which is attached at appendix A.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
- (a) Take account of the views and recommendations of the Committee set out in the main report at appendix A.
  - (b) Agree that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to respond to the Committee's recommendations.
  - (c) Ensure that a response is provided to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

## **3. Context**

- 3.1 The scope of the review was agreed in May 2012 and two evidence gathering sessions were held in July and September 2013. The Committee finalised the report and agreed the recommendations in November 2013.

## **4. Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of the recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

## **5. Legal implications**

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

## **6. Equalities implications**

- 6.1 The Equality Act 2010 covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

1. eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
2. advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
3. foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 6.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. However, the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in its report might have equalities implications. These will need to be considered in due course.

## **7. Crime and disorder/environmental implications**

- 7.1 There are no specific implications.

### **Background information**

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