### Reason for lateness and urgency

The report has not been available for 5 clear working days before the meeting and the Chair is asked to accept it as an urgent item. The report was not available for despatch on 14 February as efforts were being made to ensure that the most up to date information was included in the report prior to despatch.

1. **Purpose**

   This attached report to Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee summarises progress being made to meet the equality objectives contained in the Council’s Comprehensive Equalities Scheme. In addition the report highlights challenges going forward.

2. **Recommendation**

   It is recommended that Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee note the contents of this report.