

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme		
Contributors	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Item No.	
Class	Part 1	Date	March 23 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled Comprehensive Equalities Scheme at their meeting on 9 March 2016.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is asked to consider the views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee as set out in this referral when he determines the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme .

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 9 March 2016, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered a report entitled Comprehensive Equalities Scheme. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee noted the work done in drafting the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme 2016 – 2020. The Committee also noted the links between the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme and the five high level strategies that have been identified as vehicles for the implementation of the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme.
- 3.3 The Committee felt strongly that the success of the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme should be evaluated on the basis of the Council's performance against the five objectives listed in the Scheme, and that it was therefore imperative that consideration for equalities was actively incorporated in all of the Council's work with specific emphasis for five high level strategies identified as vehicles for the implementation of the CES.
- 3.4 The Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee recommends that the Mayor identifies community stakeholder groups that are particularly affected by each of the five objectives of the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme. The Committee feels that formal relationships should be developed between these groups and the Council to enable constructive feedback to be provided on the Council's performance against the objectives in the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme and its associated strategies.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

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).

Background papers

[Comprehensive Equalities Scheme](#) at the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 9 March 2016.

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