

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF EQUALITIES

To - Scrutiny Management Team

Date of meeting – 23rd May 2017

Notes of - Strategic Director

BRIEFING NOTES

Background

The Council, as a public body, has duties under the Equality Act 2010 which must be adhered to. The duty itself is set out in [Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010](#).

Update since November 2016

Further to the Scrutiny Management Team Report on 15th November 2016, the Council's Corporate Equalities Steering Group (CESG) has met in December 2016 but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, the March 2017 meeting had to be cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for early June 2017, to take forward Equalities work.

CESG has continued to make progress towards meeting the Equality Objectives (*Appendix 1*) set. This has included:-

- Ensuring the Council's approach to Equalities issues are reviewed and promoted through ongoing internal scrutiny
- Work towards updating the Council's Intranet webpages in relation to Equalities issues. It is anticipated that this work will be concluded shortly.
- Review of use of text-phone / minicom. It has been decided that as this service has become outdated and in many ways obsolete as a result of the option to contact the Council directly via email, it has been agreed the minicom should not be continued as a service.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Equality Objectives Action Plan – update May 2017