

Minutes

Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy
Overview Committee
Tuesday, 18 September 2012
Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p>Members Present: Councillors Richard Lewis (Chairman), Timothy Barker, Lindsay Bliss, Beulah East, Neil Fyfe and Richard Mills.</p> <p>Apologies: Councillors Raymond Graham (Councillor Timothy Barker substituting) and Michael White.</p> <p>Officers: Fiona Gibbs (Council's Stronger Communities Officer) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p> <p>Witness: Carole Jones (Chair of the Strong and Active Communities Partnership)</p>
13.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2012</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>
14.	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>It was agreed that all items of business would be considered in public.</p>
15.	<p>COMMUNITY COHESION WITHIN HILLINGDON</p> <p>Members were provided with a presentation from the Council's Stronger Communities Officer who outlined her role and the remit of the Strong and Active Communities.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that in her role as Stronger Communities Officer she provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic and policy lead on community cohesion and integration• Advice and guidance on community cohesion across the Council• Advice, guidance and support to external partners• A community engagement and community development role in relation to community cohesion and integration <p>Reference was made to the activities which the Stronger Communities Officers was involved in, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing and Managing the Strong and Active Communities partnership and supporting partners in

	<p>delivering the action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting partners in the delivery of community cohesion and integration related projects which Included English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL), Hayes Carnival, Junior Citizens, Hayes and West Drayton and Yiewsley community engagement programmes, Peabody estate multi-agency partnership, Schools community cohesion partnership • Supporting Hillingdon's Inter Faith Network in developing its activities • Supporting Women in the Community Network in developing its activities • Supporting the Hillingdon Traveller Forum • Support local Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community organisations • Working in partnership with the police to monitor and co-ordinate appropriate response on matters relating to community tensions and preventing violent extremism in the borough <p>Carole Jones, Chair of Strong and Active Communities and Head Teacher of Yeading School attended the meeting and provided Members with details of the work which had been carried out within many of the Borough's schools.</p> <p>Members were informed that it was important for community cohesion work to take place with schools because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools had a duty to promote community cohesion • The sharing of best practice in local schools could be shared across the borough • Schools and extended schools had the ethos of being community minded • Young people had an important role to play for the future • There was the opportunity to engage not only young people but also parents and the wider community • Sustainability • Partnership working <p>Members were provided with a short film on the Community Choir which had been formed from 5 schools, which involved 120 children and around 30 parents. This had been a hugely successful initiative and resulted in the integration of many community groups.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that 23 schools were involved in the Strong and Active Partnerships and discussion took place on how to get even more schools involved in this initiative.</p> <p>Reference was made to the Yeading Community House, situated next to Yeading School, which parents and residents from different community groups used to build relationships</p>	<p>Action By:</p>
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17.	CABINET FORWARD PLAN Noted.	
	Meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 9.30pm Next meeting: 16 October 2012 at 7.30pm	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. These minutes are circulated to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.