

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

15 March 2018

**REPORT OF SENIOR
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Lead Cabinet Member: Leader of the Council – Councillor Bob Cook

TACKLING INEQUALITY

1. Summary

This report provides an update on The Council's work to tackle inequality in the borough.

2. Recommendations

1. That the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To allow Members to receive information about progress on the key objectives in the Council Plan.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend

the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. The Council has to take difficult decisions about the basis on which services will be delivered with the limited resources available. In doing this we have to take account of a number of factors such as reduced funding, changing demographics, increasing demand for services and new legislation and national policy direction. Whilst we continue to balance all these factors we are clear that under-pinning all our decisions are our four policy principles and wherever possible we will:
 - Protect the vulnerable
 - Create economic prosperity
 - Tackle inequality
 - Help people to be healthier

2. The attached report (at Appendix 1) is the first in a series of reports looking at how the council is delivering against it's four policy principles. This report looks at how we are addressing the third policy principle and specifically how we are tackling inequality across the borough.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

3. As part of the process of making changes to policy or delivery of services, we consider the impact on our communities. No changes to policy or service delivery are proposed as part of this report

FINANCIAL and LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no specific financial or legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. The reporting of progress on the key objectives in the Council Plan is categorised as low risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce the risk.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no corporate parenting implications.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES

7. This report covers the policy principle of tackling inequality.

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