

***Neighbourhood and Community Services Overview
and Scrutiny Committee
30th July 2015***



Introduction to Equalities, Community Safety & Cohesion

- Located within the PLACE Directorate of BCC
- Service re-design in 2014 – amalgamation of three separate BCC functions: Challenge Unit, Community Safety and Equalities
- Combined as single Service with Service Head
- E,CS&C delivers a varied, wide ranging set of activities/support arrangements often with partners of BCC and BCC Services
- Specific emphasis on: reducing inequalities and disadvantage; making the city safe; delivering on the Leader's priority for social cohesion

Roles and Responsibilities of Service

- Discharging BCC's Statutory duties relating to legislation including:
 - The Equalities Act
 - Crime & Disorder Act 1998
 - Domestic Violence, Crime & Victims Act 2004
 - Police & Justice Act, 2006
 - Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, 2011

Roles & Responsibilities

- Developing Clear policies and Strategies for equalities and social cohesion
- Supporting statutory partnerships e.g. Community Safety Partnership (BCSP)
- Deliving, and commissioning services through Community Safety Fund, Preventing Violent Extremism Fund

Roles & Responsibilities

- Improving and monitoring compliance for Equalities Act 2010
- Undertaking information and data analysis work on key issues
- Influencing and developing national policy
- Responding to intelligence provided by WMP, Universities and other stakeholders/ working in partnership with them

Key Work Strands

- Work of E,CS,&C Service falls under 3 Strands:
 1. Community Safety
 2. Cohesion
 3. Equalities

Community Safety

- Support for B 'ham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) – financial management and co-ordination, strategy development, programme management and communications
- Management of PCC Budget allocation and other funding
- Total BCSP Budget is £2.5m
- Budget delivered thro' number of priority areas with a lead officer for each either from WMP or E,CS&C

Community Safety

Priority Work Strands for BCSP

- Violence Against Women & Children
- Vulnerable People
- Mobilising Communities
- Youth Violence
- Business Crime
- Each Strand has a budget and a forum comprised of partners to deliver commissioning and monitoring element of the programme

Community Safety

- Hate Crime Partnership – strategic forum of key partners, Chaired by HoS
- Prevent - Violent Extremism Strand – includes Prevent Strategy; Channel process; Prevent Duty – schools programme/Trojan Horse +; Home Office budget allocation of £500k

Cohesion & Engagement

- Birmingham Child Poverty Commission
- CITISPYCE
- Equalities and Social Inclusion Mapping – Task & Finish Group
- Faith: Faith Map/Faith Covenant
- Community Intelligence project – CI Network; District Data Profiles; Child Poverty data collation and analysis

Cohesion & Engagement

- Faith Network
- Big Conversation Community Programme – commenced 2014
- Significant Community Networks and Engagement projects, Srebrenica events
- Big Lottery Development Work
- Partnership Mapping/Future Council Programme

Equalities

- Compliance & Legislation Support – BCC services
- Responding to community needs:
Birmingham Disability/Deaf Community;
Gypsies, Romas and Travellers;
Disabled Go; LGBT

QUESTIONS?

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