

Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee

Development of Community Cohesion in Sunderland: Policy Review recommendations 2011/12

Appendix B

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	that community cohesion should be seen in its broadest context - not simply as an issue of race – hence it is important that action is taken to undertake a sophisticated analysis of local and area needs and align and integrate cohesion with other Council strategies and plans including the emerging Community Resilience Strategy, Equality Scheme, Area Plans and wider partnership documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of area needs assessments • Ensure issues of cohesion are reflected within wider policy and strategy development • Agreement from Sunderland Partnership organisations to include their equality information into needs analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Allen, Strategy Policy and Performance Management • Jane Hibberd, Strategy Policy and Performance Management • Jessica May, Sunderland Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2012 • December 2012 • September 2012 	
(b)	carry out a review of Council activities and structures that support the involvement of communities and VCSOs in identifying, shaping and delivering local priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End to end review of community development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Hibberd, Strategy Policy and Performance Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2013 	

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(c)	that the Council should consider the ways in which we measure community cohesion at a more localised level in order to improve on the existing national indicators and to better reflect the fact that different areas of the city face different community cohesion challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop city and local, qualitative and quantitative cohesion measures, and develop data into intelligence to inform local services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Allen / Mike Lowes, Strategy Policy and Performance Management, and Jessica May, Sunderland Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2013 	
(d)	that the Council ensures its staff and Members have an awareness of the equalities legislation, including the challenges faced by people who may be discriminated against and enhance their understanding of issues that effect cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected member development sessions Equalities e-learning roll out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsty McNally, Strategy Policy and Performance Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2012 March 2013 	
(e)	that the Committee continue to monitor the implications of the Government's Welfare Reforms in order to understand and mitigate the potential effects on community cohesion in the city;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-monthly briefings issued by the Welfare Reform Project Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiona Brown, Transactional Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-monthly 	
(f)	that the Committee continue to monitor and assess the implications to the city of the Government's recently launched Integration Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to be kept updated on any implications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Hibberd, Strategy Policy and Performance Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2013 	