

DRAFT EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 8 JUNE 2010**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION****4.00PM 8 JUNE 2010****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Mitchell (Chairman); Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman), Bennett, Cobb, Elgood, Kennedy, Meadows, Morgan, Peltzer Dunn and Wakefield-Jarrett

6. SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME UPDATE

- 6.1 The Head of Communities and Equality distributed the Council's Single Equality Scheme and related leaflets. More copies were available including in different formats such as Braille, on request. As this was an area of changing legislation, Members asked that addendum slips be provided with future copies of the printed Scheme.
- 6.2 The Head of Communities and Equality updated the Committee on the effects of works on Equalities Impact Assessments, engagement with Communities of Interest and the launch of the City's Equalities and Human Rights Charter.
- 6.3 It was clarified that a revised version of the Single Equality Scheme was planned for January 2012 (report paragraph 1.3 refers). The Council placement of 4th overall in the national Stonewall index was based on achievements January – December 2009. The next Stonewall announcement would be in January 2011.
- 6.4 Preventing violent extremism was especially valuable in the community. Asked about the future, the Head of Communities and Equality said that when the outreach worker post comes to an end it is hoped that any projects which have been supported will be able to attract other funding to ensure their continuation.
- 6.5 Members noted areas of good progress including Glenwood Lodge and were pleased at the accessible staff bus on route 11X.
- 6.6 There was concern at the number (19) of Blue Badges that had been stolen in a six-month period; and a question as to possible measures that could help reduce this.
- 6.7 Members noted in the workforce profile, the small proportions of staff aged less than 24 and over 65 and asked for more information on the age range distribution, in the context of major initiatives in the City such as the Apprenticeship Strategy.

6.8 Members raised a point about disabled access to cafes in parks for buggies and wheelchairs.

6.9 Members wished to ensure that polling stations were as fully accessible as possible and at item 9 on this agenda asked for an officer report.

6.10 **RESOLVED –**

(1) That Overview and Scrutiny Commission note the ongoing work to reduce inequality across the city and progress made so far against the objectives set out in the Single Equality Scheme Action Plan.

(2) That the officers be asked to provide further information as minuted above.