

# **Equalities Committee**

## Monday 11 January 2016 at 6.00 pm

Board Room 6 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

### Membership:

Members Substitute Members

Councillors: Councillors:

Pavey (Chair)

Kansagra (Vice-Chair)

Harrison Councillors:

Tatler Colwill and Maurice Thomas

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## **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

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1 **Declarations of interests** 

> Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

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- 3 Matters arising (if any)
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- 5 **Update on Accessibility Improvements to the Civic Centre**

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Further to the progress report of 12 October 2015, this report sets out recent progress on the access related works undertaken to the Civic Centre to further improve the high level of accessibility to the building. The improvements are based on practical usage and feedback from residents, relevant groups and users of the building and in accordance with recommendations set out in the Accessibility Audit carried out in August 2014.

Ward Affected: Contact Officer: Sarah Chaudhry, Head of

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6 Report on equality and diversity related complaints received by 27 - 34 **Brent Council (April-September 2015)** 

The Equalities Committee requested a report on equality and diversity related complaints at their meeting in July 2015. This report provides an overview of the diversity profile of people who have made complaints to the council (complainants) and any associated equalities issues. report covers both corporate and statutory social care complaints during the first half of the year (April 2015 to September 2015) where this information has been declared or provided.

Ward Affected: Contact Officer: Peter Gadsdon, Director, Performance, Policy and Partnerships

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#### 7 Cllr Pavey Action Plan Review of Equalities (December 2015 update) 35 - 50

#### 8 Brent Council's Collaborative Mentoring programme

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The Collaborative Mentoring programme was approved by CMT in December 2015 and will be rolled out from January 2016. It aims to promote and facilitate regular dialogue between senior managers and staff as a means of empowering junior staff members, fostering good crossorganisational working relationships, developing a greater understanding of diversity from differing perspectives and improving the sense of belonging to One Council. The programme will be managed by the HR team and participants will be provided with relevant support and guidance.

#### 9 Leadership Development Programme Proposals 2015 - 2016

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Following the report to the Corporate Management Team on the Leadership Development Programme in August 2015, this paper provides more detail on the proposals. This paper will demonstrate how input from HRIG and other key stakeholders have ensured that the programme meets the Council's individual, manager and organisational needs, including the Pavey review.

#### 10 Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is on

#### 11 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Head of Executive and Member Services or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.

#### Date of the next meeting: Monday 18 April 2016



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