# DRAFT West Berkshire Council Equality Objectives 2015-19

Equality
<b>Duties:</b>

- (i) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation
- (ii) Promote equality of opportunity
- (iii) Foster good relations between people who do and do not share a protected characteristic

Equality Objective 1: Ensure our workforce is reflective of our communities (from Council Strategy 2014/15)

#### **Performance Measures:**

- (i) On an annual basis, review percentage of council staff with protected characteristics compared to census data.
- (ii) Produce a breakdown of responses for the protected characteristics within the employee attitude survey 2015/16 to see if any specific areas requiring action are highlighted.
- (iii) Produce data showing representation of protected characteristics in more senior roles within the council.

**Equality Objective 2:** Endeavour to minimise discrimination, harassment and victimisation and advance equality of opportunity for employees and all members of our communities (from Council Strategy 2014/15)

#### **Performance Measures:**

- (i) Document the number of employees and Members who have taken part in mandatory equality and diversity training at least every 3 years.
- (ii) Report performance data on council employees' positive and negative experiences relating to discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- (iii) Report proportion of Stage 1 Equality Impact Assessments undertaken for all new and revised policies/ services entered into the executive cycle in order to check whether there will be any potential adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics.
- (iv) Report percentage of external contractors for contracts over £100,000 whose compliance with the council's Equality Policy has been reviewed on an annual basis.

**Equality Objective 3:** Implement new ways of working to develop communities to be more resilient in meeting the needs of vulnerable people (from Council Strategy 2015/19)

### **Performance Measures:**

(i) Number of volunteers obtained through the village agents' volunteer scheme, focusing on, targeting rural areas and adult social care users.

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- (ii) Number of vulnerable people accessing the council's adult and children's services.
- (iii) Number of voluntary sector partners engaged in community building activity.
- (iv) Number of volunteers who have received restorative practice training.
- (v) Number of communities involved in the Building Community Together who have developed their action plans. Performance measures (iv) and (v) added following consultation with the IEB

Equality Objective 4: Close the education attainment gap for vulnerable pupils

# Performance Measures (taken from the Council Strategy 2015/19):

- (i) Size of the educational attainment gap.
- (ii) Year 1 Phonics: Proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals achieving expected level in Phonics decoding.
- (iii) KS4: Proportion of children eligible for free school meals who achieve 5+ A\*-C grades at GCSE inc English & Maths.

E&D/2012 onwards/Performance/2015-16/WBC EOs 2015 revised without narrative