

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Slough Wellbeing Board

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PART I

FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION

REFRESH OF THE COMMUNITY COHESION PDG'S GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the progress made to date in reviewing and refreshing the Community Cohesion PDGs current operating model.

2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

That the Slough Wellbeing Board (a) endorses the PDG's revised Terms of Reference (at appendix A); and (b) agrees to receive a progress report, setting out its activities and achievements under the new operating model in June 2014.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Corporate Plan

It is a role and responsibility of the Community Cohesion PDG to prepare and publish a Community Cohesion Strategy (with accompanying action plan) based on the outcomes identified for achievement in the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy (SWS), the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Council's Corporate Plan for 2013/214

A properly constituted and effectively run Community Cohesion PDG is central to discharging these responsibilities and ensuring that the civic responsibility theme and wider community cohesion objectives of the SWS are effectively delivered.

4. Other Implications

- (a) Financial - There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- (b) Risk Management - There are no risk management issues arising from this report; clearly there would be risks arising should the Board not adhere to the principles of good governance.
- (c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications - There are no human rights or other legal implications arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

A review of the Community Cohesion PDG's current operating model was undertaken in October 2013. The aim of this review was to:

- (a) identify what priorities it should concentrate on delivering during 2014;
- (b) review the effectiveness of its current operating model (as set out in its Terms of Reference); and
- (c) identify what changes needed to be made to the operational model to support the delivery of this revised priority list.

The PDG came to the following conclusions:

- (a) That its role should change from that of a Partnership Delivery Group (PDG) to that of an advisory group or body i.e. that members would undertake an advocacy and championship role in relation to the Board's civic responsibility and community cohesion work with residents, stakeholders, partners and with the other thematic PDG;
- (b) That it would now meet only twice year (unless an urgent issue arose when an exceptional meeting could be called at the discretion of the Chair);
- (c) That these meetings would see to capture members progress in achieving the Board's civic responsibility and community cohesion objectives (as contained in the Community cohesion strategy and action plan), during the last period, and (b) highlight any strategic and / or operational issues that could be maximised and or resolved during the forthcoming period of activity; and
- (d) That these changes would come into effect from 1 January 2014.

The PDG's current Terms of Reference have been updated to reflect these changes (see appendix A). Subject to the Board's comments the PDG would like ratify these changes at their meeting which is due to take place on 10 December 2013.

6. **Comments of Other Committees / Priority Delivery Groups (PDGs)**

There are no comments from the other Committees.

7. **Conclusion**

This report sets out the future operating model of the PDG for the information of, and endorsement by, the Board.

8. **Appendices Attached**

'A' – Community Cohesion PDG Terms of Reference

9. **Background Papers**

None