

APPENDIX B

Progress that has been made against the issues to be addressed in the Code identified in June 2011

Requirement of Local Code	Issue to be addressed and target date	Progress against target
CORE PRINCIPLE 5: Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective		
<p>Ensure that effective arrangements are in place designed to encourage individuals from all sections of the community to engage with, contribute to and participate in the work of the authority.</p>	<p>Report to Cabinet on the recommendations from the report on the Democratic Conversation in Lewes District by September 2011 - Corporate Head – Communities and Enterprise.</p> <p>Development and implementation of programme of Community Engagement by March 2012 – Corporate Head – Communities and Enterprise.</p>	<p>This action was dealt with by the Director of Planning and Environmental Services in a report on the Democratic Conversation which was presented to Cabinet at its September 2011 meeting. Cabinet resolved that a consultation be undertaken with Town and Parish Councils, and other stakeholders, on the ideas in the consultant’s report entitled “Democratic Conversation in Lewes District. Furthermore that a report be prepared for consideration by Cabinet at its meeting in November 2011 setting out the views received in respect of the consultation referred to above following which a proposed Action Plan be identified to implement proposals, along with consideration of necessary resources. In May 2012 Cabinet received the report on the Outcome of the Democratic Conversation and a proposed action plan and budget for 2012/13.</p> <p align="center">(G)</p> <p>The work on this matter has awaited the approval of the action plan in the Democratic Conversation” report presented to Cabinet in May 2012. This will now inform the development of Community Engagement in the District in future taking account of available staff resources. In addition the Corporate Head of Communities and Enterprise has been working closely with a number community organisations in the District over the past year including 3VA Council for Voluntary Services, Lewes Town Partnership, Newhaven Strategic Network, Seaford Community Partnership and East Sussex Rural Partnership.</p> <p align="center">(A)</p>
CORE PRINCIPLE 6: Engaging with local people to ensure robust public accountability		
<p>Ensure clear channels of communication are in place with all sections of the community and other stakeholders, and put in place monitoring arrangements and ensure they operate effectively.</p>	<p>The issues to be addressed and target date are the same as the above.</p>	<p>The progress against target is the same as the above.</p>

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<p>Ensure that arrangements are in place to enable the authority to engage with all sections of the community effectively. These arrangements should recognise that different sections in the community have different priorities and establish explicit processes for dealing with these competing demands.</p>	<p>The issues to be addressed and target date are the same as the above.</p> <p>Review of the Council's Equality Schemes in light of the duties of the new Equality Act by March 2012 – Corporate Head – Internal Services</p>	<p>The progress against target is the same as the above.</p> <p>This issue has been dealt with by the Council's Equalities Officer. The Council has changed its approach towards equalities in response to the specific duties under the Equality Act 2010 which came into force on 10 September 2011. The Council has adopted three equality objectives and supporting planned actions for the period 2012-16.</p> <p>(G)</p>

Green (G)	Completed	Amber (A)	Underway	Red(R)	Delayed
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