LDC Equality and Fairness Action Plan 2018/2019

Ref	Action	Lead Officer	Target date	
1.	Review and report on equality profile in relation to recruitment and development of staff	Human Resources Manager	December 2018	Completed
2.	Publish Gender Pay Gap report	Human Resources Manager	April 2018	Completed
3.	Establish joint Equality and Fairness Planning Group with EBC	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	March 2018	Completed
4.	Establish joint Equality and Fairness Stakeholder Group with EBC	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	March 2018	Completed
5.	Identify representatives of women's interests to join Equality and Fairness Stakeholder Group	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	March 2018	Completed
6.	Continue supporting Sompriti to ensure effective engagement with BAME communities	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	December 2018	ECIG meets four times a year and DRI are delivering a good service convening and coordinating meetings and events
7.	Identify approaches to engagement which encourage participation by young people, women, people living in rural areas, faith communities, BAME communities and LGBT people and increase the proportion of responses from these groups	Customer Communications and Engagement Lead	December 2018	Ongoing. Officers attended meetings of the Your Town Project, the Children and Young People's Trust and ESCC Take Over Day. The council contributes funding to Eastbourne Pride.
8.	Provide training and guidance on Equality Duties and Equality Analysis for Heads of Service, Managers and Team Leader, Project Managers and members of Planning Group and Stakeholder Group	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	May 2018	Completed.

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9.	Arrange training on Access Issues to Neighbourhood First teams and ensure Neighbourhood Officers are able to respond confidently and effectively to customer enquiries relating to access issues	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	June 2018	Completed
10.	Promote 'White Ribbon' Activities and implement action plan in partnership with EBC and Domestic Abuse Working Group.	Specialist Advisor – Community Safety	Dec 2018	Completed – White Ribbon status confirmed.
11.	Promote activities commemorating the centenary of the Representation of the People's Act 1918	Customer Communications and Engagement Lead	Dec 2018	Completed
12.	Review and align LDC/EBC Equality Monitoring Policies for JTP	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	April 2018	Completed.
13.	Work with voluntary sector partners to promote equality and fairness through training and network meetings	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	Decr 2018	Ongoing – 3VA cover this within their programme of training for voluntary sector organisations.
14.	Implement a 3-year programme of functional reviews following completion of Phase 2 JTP	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	April 2018 to 2021	Forms and process agreed – reviews are now ongoing. See 20 below.
15.	Monitor use and quality of translation and interpreting services	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	Dec 2018	Ongoing. Council Hub information on BSL services improved following consultation with DeafCOG and other BSL speakers.

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16.	Undertake self-assessment against Equality Framework for Local Government	Strategy and Partnerships Lead – Thriving Communities	Deferred pending completion of JTP (2019/20)	n/a
17.	Carry out a programme of service reviews:	Responsible service leads for:		
	Projects and Performance monitoring	Performance and Programmes	31 st Dec 18	Completed
	Communications	Customer Advice	31 st March 19	In hand – discussed with stakeholder group Sept 18
	Community Grants	Strategy and Partnerships — Thriving Communities	31 st Dec 18	Completed
	Tourist Information Services	Tourism and Enterprise	31 st March 19	In hand – will be discussed with stakeholder group March 19
	Marketing	Tourism and Enterprise	31 st March 19	In hand – will be discussed with stakeholder group March 19
	Homelessness Services	Homes First	31 st Dec 18	To be merged with review of housing options in 2019/20
	Housing Grants and Loans	Homes First	31 st March 19	In hand – discussed with stakeholder group June 18
	 Customer Advice services – telephone and reception 	Customer Advice	31 st March 19	In hand – discussed with stakeholder group Dec 18
	 Business rate setting and collection 	Functional lead – Growth and Prosperity with Accounts manager	31 st Dec 18	To be merged with review of Council Tax setting and collection in 2019/20

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	 Household waste collections, recycling, bulky waste, trade waste 	Waste collection services	31 st Dec 18	Delayed pending recruitment of new service manager
	Recruitment	Human Resources	31 st Dec 18	tbc
		Democratic Services	31 st March 19	Delayed until after local elections
	Committees and Councillors			Completed – presented to
	Rent setting and collection	Strategy and Partnerships – Thriving Communities	31 st Dec 18	stakeholder group Dec 18
			31 st Dec 18	Agreed this needs to be
	Budgeting			incorporated into Service and Financial Planning process ensuring responsible service
				heads assess impact of any budget proposals.