West Berkshire Council Equality Objectives 2015-19

Equality Duties:

- (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 comparison of responses from staff with a disability in the employee attitude surveys for 2015/16 and 2018/19 to monitor the effect of the work of the Including Everyone Board with the Disability Staff Network.
- (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) Produce comparison data for responses to question 44 in employee attitude surveys for 2015/16 and 2018/19 'I would feel free to report bullying/harassment without worrying that I would be treated in a negative way'

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) Tackle loneliness and social isolation by increasing the number of people who have connected with a service through the village agents' volunteer scheme.
- (ii) Approve 80% of high priority Disabled Facilities Grants within 9 weeks of receipt of full grant application.
- (iii) Number of volunteers and staff who have received restorative practice training.

Equality Objective 4: Close the education attainment gap for vulnerable pupils people (from Council Strategy 2015/19)

Performance Measures:

- (i) Year 1 Phonics: Proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM6) achieving expected level in Phonics decoding.
- (ii) To improve on 2015 rankings for disadvantaged pupils in KS2 for 2016
- (iii) To improve on 2015 rankings for disadvantaged pupils in KS4 in 2016

E&D/2012 onwards/Performance/2015-16/Final WBC EOs with amended PMs 2017