

Item E3

**The Cabinet**

Councillor A Lythgoe  
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This matter is being dealt with by:-  
Name: Councillor Alyson Barnes, Leader of the  
Council and Portfolio Holder for Performance

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Dear Councillor Lythgoe

**Cabinet Response to the Equalities Task and Finish Group**

Following the representation of the Equalities Task and Finish Group report to Overview and Scrutiny on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017, my response on behalf of the Cabinet is as follows:-

I would like to thank the Task and Finish Group for their work on this matter, in particular in forging new links with other Councils.

Recommendation number one requested that the Equalities Strategy is refreshed and is put through the committee approval process. The Fairness and Equality Strategy is due at future meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Strategy will then go to Cabinet for approval.

In terms of recommendation number two, the Cabinet were asked to review the current arrangements for Neighbourhood Forums, particularly with regards to engaging minority and hard-to-reach groups. This will be looked at in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Alyson Barnes  
Leader of Council and Portfolio Holder for Performance

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It will be an attractive place to live where tourists visit and employers invest.”***