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**London Borough of Tower Hamlets** 

Diversity and Equality Action Plan April 2008 - March 2009

(Incorporating the actions from the Race, Disability and Gender Equality Schemes, work to improve our understanding of the age, religion/belief and sexual orientation equality strands and to strengthen community cohesion)

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#### VALUING DIVERSITY: OUR POLICY STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

#### **Our commitment**

Valuing diversity is one of the four core values of Tower Hamlets Council. We will promote diversity and equality in everything we do to improve the quality of life for everyone living, working and visiting Tower Hamlets. The borough's diversity is one of its greatest strengths and assets. We will build upon this by working with the Tower Hamlets Partnership to provide accessible and responsive services that enable everyone to take part in the social, cultural and economic wealth of the borough. Achieving this is central to delivering the Council's vision, is linked to our Strategic Plan priorities and objectives and forms a driving force within the Community Plan and key to creating a cohesive community.

#### Our aims and values

As a service provider we will:

- Promote equality of opportunity and eliminate discrimination in the planning and delivery of our services in terms of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, health and income status
- Promote good relations between communities and address negative stereotyping of any groups
- Ensure that all residents have equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process
- Tackle harassment relating to a person's age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, health and income status

# As an employer we will:

- Develop, review and promote policies and practices that ensure equality of opportunity and eliminate discrimination for our workforce in all areas of employment (including recruitment, retention, learning and development, promotion, grievance, disciplinary and retirement)
- Ensure that our workforce reflects the diverse nature of the borough

# We will comply with:

- the Equal Pay Act 1970
- the Sex Discrimination Act 1975
- the Race Relations Act 1976
- the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000
- the Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- the Disability Discrimination Act 2005
- the Human Rights Act 1998
- The 2004 Employment Regulations on Religion and Faith
- The 2004 Employment Regulations on Sexual Orientation
- Single Equality Act 2006
- Proposed Single Equality Bill 2008

We will recognise our community leadership role and use this to work towards a cohesive community in which inequality is tackled and equality promoted.

### How we will continue to deliver our commitment

Achieving the highest level of the Equality Standard for Local Government is critical to delivering our commitment. This is a nationally recognised framework which we use to measure our progress to mainstreaming diversity and equality. We have now set ourselves the target of maintaining our Level 5 status and will be re-assessed in 2009. Through the Tower Hamlets Partnership we are also committed to work towards becoming a' Level 5 Borough' with our public, private and third sector partners as well as local residents.

Our commitment is supported by a number of legal duties that require us to promote equality and eliminate discrimination. These provide important tools to help further embed diversity and equality in the culture of the organisation. We believe we have a strong moral and social duty to recognise that discrimination takes place, that tensions can sometimes exist between different communities, and to do everything we can to challenge prejudice and discrimination and promote better understanding and respect.

We recognise that delivering this commitment can only be achieved through building sustainable partnerships. We will deliver our commitment by:

- · building on our good practice
- involving all sectors of our community in the design, review and scrutiny of our service delivery and employment practices
- promoting information and access to our services in accessible ways
- carrying out Equality Impact Assessments of new and existing policies and practices to make sure that they will not discriminate against anyone
- delivering services which are appropriate, flexible and responsive to the needs of the community
- removing barriers which deny people access to our services
- using our powers to make sure that organisations providing services on our behalf work in line with this policy
- promoting an environment which gives all residents an equal chance to learn, work and live free of discrimination and prejudice
- developing a workforce which reflects at all levels the community we serve
- making sure that all employees and Councillors know the effects of this policy and are provided with appropriate training
- making sure that all employees (and the resident communities) know about their rights of protection from discrimination, harassment or bullying
- developing and promoting policies which give everyone equal access to employment and related opportunities
- setting performance targets so we can measure our progress.

Our Diversity and Equality Action Plan explains how we will deliver upon our commitment each year. We will regularly review, assess and evaluate our progress and address any areas of underperformance and weaknesses in policy and practice.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY ACTION PLAN

Tower Hamlets Council has placed diversity and equality at the core of its functions and is committed to maintaining the very highest level (level 5) of the Equality Standard for Local Government.

The Equality Standard for local government provides a framework to assist the Council to mainstream equalities practice into all levels of the organisation's activities. In 2006 Tower Hamlets was externally assessed by auditors as being at Level 5 of the Standard and in recognition of this the Council was the first local authority to be awarded the Equality Mark. However in March 2007 the Equality Standard was revised and now requires the Council to build on work to address statutory responsibilities in relation to disability, race and gender to mainstream work on age, religion or belief and sexual orientation into all our activities by March 2009. This Action Plan sets out the priorities for the Council to achieve effective diversity and equality outcomes in relation to the six equality strands across all our services.

The 2008/09 Diversity and Equality Action Plan focuses on four overarching strategic objectives, identified through an analysis of evidence collected during the refresh of the Community Plan to 2020 and an assessment of service performance in priority equalities areas. These objectives are:

- Tackle worklessness and economic inactivity among target groups
- Support participation and engagement of equality target groups in decision making and active citizenship activities
- Support and promote community cohesion, through: Embedding community cohesion considerations into planning in key policy areas (Education, Community Safety and Housing); supporting positive activities that bring people together and build bridges between communities; supporting interaction between new and existing communities and; tackling all forms of discrimination and harassment
- Access to services: Address evidence of differential access to services for equality target groups to ensure that services within the Council and the wider Partnership effectively meet the needs of our communities

An analysis of our 2007/08 performance against a basket of corporate and service level equalities performance indicators can be found on pages 16 to 30 of this document. This analysis has informed the focus of Diversity and Equality Action Plan, with the following identified as priority areas:

- Increase the representation of disabled people in the workforce through targeted initiatives and strengthening of inclusive working practices
- Improve access to services for disabled people through work on physical access, accessible provision of information and engagement with disabled people
- Targeted initiatives and enhanced service provision to reduce teenage pregnancy
- Implementation of the refreshed Workforce to Reflect the Community action plan to address under-representation of BME staff in senior management posts in the Council and the PCT
- Development of a robust performance management framework to drive improvement in our response to hate crime incidents

In March 2009 we will be re-assessed against the revised Equality Standard for Local Government. This year's Diversity and Equality Action Plan therefore contains a comprehensive programme of actions to ensure that our equalities practice meets the requirements of the revised Standard and that we retain our Level 5 status. Key activities will include:

- A comprehensive review of all equalities training within the Council
- Embedding of revised Equalities Monitoring Guidance to ensure that all services are monitoring service users by the six equalities strands
- Development of Faith, Age and Sexual Orientation Equality Schemes
- Development of the Diversity and Equality Network to strengthen our community leadership role in relation to diversity and equalities practice and to work towards becoming a 'Level 5 Borough'

# This Action Plan links to other Plans and the main ones are highlighted as:

The Community Plan sets out the vision and objectives of the Tower Hamlets Partnership, looking forward to 2020. The Plan was refreshed in 2007 and is updated annually. The Plan embraces the breadth of strategies which the Council and its partners have in place to deliver our vision and objectives. An overarching theme for the refreshed Community Plan is a commitment to building 'One Tower Hamlets'. This puts tackling inequality, strengthening relationships between communities and building strong and effective community leadership at the heart of all that we do. Working across the Partnership to ensure borough-wide progress to the highest standards of equalities practice is one of the promises in place for 2008-09. One of the key ways in which this will be

delivered is through the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The Council's Strategic Plan sets out a work plan for Tower Hamlets Council and is updated annually. Embedded within the breadth of the Strategic Plan is a commitment to delivering the Community Plan commitment to building One Tower Hamlets through tackling inequality, strengthening and improving community cohesion and building strong community leadership.

The Race Equality Scheme: The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places a statutory duty on the Council to promote race equality. The aim is to help public authorities to provide fair and accessible services, and to improve equal opportunities in employment and service delivery. The Act places a number of specific duties to meet the general duty. These include the production of a Race Equality Scheme which sets out the action we will take over 3 years to promote race equality.

**The Disability Equality Scheme:** The Disability Discrimination Act 2005 amended the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and placed a duty on the Council to promote equality for disabled people. Our Disability Equality Scheme sets out the actions we will take to address key priorities of local disabled people and staff over the next three years.

The Gender Equality Scheme: The Equality Act 2006 introduced a new gender equality duty on the Council. The Gender Equality Duty places a number of specific duties on the Council which include the development and production of a Gender Equality Scheme, following consultation, that shows how the Council will fulfil its duties under the Act and includes its gender equality objectives. The Council's Gender Equality Scheme was produced in 2007 and sets out what it will do to address the key priorities for local women, men and transgender people for the period 2007-11.

#### THE COUNCIL'S PROGRESS IN 2007/08

Each year the Council works to strengthen work in diversity and equality by building on the work undertaken in the previous year. During the course of 2007/08, the Tower Hamlets Partnership undertook a full review of the borough's Community Plan. This renewed strategy provides a vision and priorities for Tower Hamlets to 2020. In parallel we negotiated a new three year Local Area Agreement with Central Government. The primary focus at the heart of both of these documents is a commitment to 'One Tower Hamlets' - reducing inequality, supporting cohesion. For example our LAA embeds targets to reduce health inequalities, increase the number of disabled people in supported into employment and raising educational achievement for all groups.

At the end of 07/08 nintey percent of activities within the Diversity and Equality Action Plan had been completed. This represents significant achievements in a number of areas, including:

- The Council's first **Gender Equality Scheme** was launched in November 2007 and has driven forward work on addressing inequality between men, women and transgender people.
- In January 2008, the Council was placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the **Stonewall Workplace Equality Index** of gay-friendly organisations, and ranked top local authority in London. This represents a significant improvement on our performance in 2006/07 when we were ranked 28<sup>th</sup>.
- In September the Council was ranked joint fifth out of 116 public and private sector organisations by the **Employers**Forum on Disability. The Council scored an average of 85% on the three target areas (motivate, act and impact) this puts us in the gold award band.
- The **Diversity and Equality Network** was established in January 2008 as the vehicle for delivering on our commitment to become a 'Level 5 borough'. The Network has met quarterly throughout the year and members have produced a common diversity and equality statement which supports the principles of the One Tower Hamlets Community Plan theme.
- In March a programme of events were funded by the Council to mark International Women's Week. The theme for this year's events was 'Women and Work'. Thirty three local community organizations received grants to run events which celebrated the achievements of women in the workforce as well as exploring barriers to employment. As part of the week's events, thirty five year nine pupils from Central Foundation School spent a day in the Council and the PCT shadowing staff as well as meeting senior officers and Councillors.
- In May 2008 the Council held its first **Diversity and Equality conference** for staff. The conference provided an opportunity for over eighty staff from across the organisation to consider how we can work together to deliver on the core elements of the 'One Tower Hamlets' Community Plan theme to reduce inequalities and strengthen community cohesion.
- In February 2008 Children's Services supported the launch of 'Rainbow Parents' a support group for LGBT partners in the borough. Over one hundred people attended the event and a programme of activities and events are scheduled to take place during 2008/09.
- In May we launched the **One Tower Hamlets Community Cohesion Innovation Fund for Schools**. The pilot scheme is open to all primary and secondary schools in the borough who are required through the terms of the funding to work

- jointly with voluntary or private sector partners to promote community cohesion within their local communities. We are the first local authority in the country to launch such a scheme.
- The Arts and Events Team organised 83 community festivals and events, against a target of 70 for 07/08.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> May the Council marked **International Day Against Homophobia** by holding a lunchtime seminar for staff on the topic, "Faith and Sexuality: A Question of Tolerance?". The talk was extremely popular with over 100 members of staff attending to hear from and take part in a discussion with a panel of faith leaders and experts.
- The Council has continued to support the development of the Interfaith Forum. In March the first local interfaith
  network was established. This group, which is based in LAPs 5 and 6, aims to bring together members of the Interfaith
  Forum at a local level to undertake joint activities and strengthen the links between local decision making and structures
  and faith communities. Networks will be rolled out across the borough from September following the refresh of the
  Tower Hamlets Partnership governance structures.
- In March the outcome of the **Peer Support National Initiative** was launched. Working with Gravesham and Bristol Councils we produced additional tools to help all authorities undertake Equality Impact Assessments which can be accessed via <a href="http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?page.
- We were part of the Steering Group of Capital Ambition's Equality Standard for London Local Government. In April the project was on track to ensure 90% of London authorities reach Level 4 by April 2009.
- Through our **external and internal equality forums** we have continued to consult both staff and service users to test the effectiveness of service initiatives. To strengthen consultation and involvement arrangements a review of the internal and external equality forums took place May 2008, the results of which have informed the development of Forums and their work programmes for 08/09. Examples of the work undertaken in 07/08 include:
  - o Following feedback from the Disabled Staff Forum, further consultation took place around welfare policies including the Carer's Policy, Rehabilitation Leave and Flexible Working Hours.
  - o The Council's Black and Minority Ethnic Staff Forum has reviewed the Council's Workforce to Reflect the Community Action Plan and will be scrutinising its delivery in the year ahead.
  - Tower Hamlets LGBT Forum coordinated and delivered a successful programme of events for LGBT History Month 2008.
- A Workforce to Reflect the Community is a key Council policy aimed at ensuring we are better able to meet the needs of

our communities. Performance on our targets for 2007/08 saw the following outcomes: 54% of the top earners are women, 18 % are from minority ethnic communities and 3.5 % are disabled. 4.7 % of employees declared themselves disabled under the DDA 1995, 47% are from minority ethnic communities and 17.7% are Bangladeshi. Among the initiatives put in place to continue this work are the Aspiring Leaders Programme which supports the career development of BME and disabled staff and the Step Up Now programme which is aimed at aspiring team and first line managers achieving the Institute of Leadership and Management Certificates. In October 2007 a piece of work was commissioned to establish the direction and associated actions for improving the proportion of Black and Minority Ethnic community staff in senior management positions in the Council and the PCT. Since this date, detailed analysis of the outcome of the work has taken place and programme of actions have been agreed in the Joint Workforce to Reflect the Community Action Plan 08/09.

- Consulting with both staff and service users is a vital way of testing the effectiveness of service initiatives and there are both
  internal and external equality forums. The Council has therefore continued to support the development of three crosscutting equality forums for disabled, LGBT and BME staff. In addition the Tower Hamlets Access Group contributed
  significantly to the development of the Disability Equality Scheme. The LGBT Forum was launched in October 2006 in
  collaboration with local and regional partners including GALOP, the Police and the Primary Care Trust.
- Underpinning the implementation of our work is a major programme of Equalities Impact Assessments (EqIAs) covering gender, race, religion/belief, disability, sexual orientation and age. A total of 39 EqIAs were completed in 07/08, which included assessments of significant functions such as the revised Community Plan 2020, school admissions and youth participation. The outcomes of the EqIA action plans have been built into team level action plans and where appropriate picked up at a directorate or corporate level.

#### THE CORPORATE FRAMEWORK FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

In 2008/09 the Lead Member with responsibility for Diversity and Equality is Councillor Sirajul Islam, the Deputy Leader. The Scrutiny Lead for One Tower Hamlets, Councillor Anne Jackson, has diversity, equality and community cohesion within her remit.

The Corporate Director responsible for diversity and equalities is the Assistant Chief Executive, this post is currently held in an interim capacity by Michael Keating. The work of co-coordinating and facilitating work across the Council is undertaken by the Scrutiny and Equalities service area which comprises the Service Head, Scrutiny and Equalities and three Diversity and Equality Co-ordinators (Frances Jones, Hafsha Ali and Priti Batavia).

Within each of the service Directorates there is a Directorate Equality Liaison Officers (DELO). These are Hugh Chambers (Development and Renewal), Isabelle Colombeau (Children's Services), Coreen Ung (Environment and Culture), Emdad Haque (Adult Services), Sarah Pace (interim) (Housing) and France Jones (Chief Executive's).

In order to maintain and develop existing good practice the Council has in place a number of standard organisational procedures.

The Diversity and Equality Action Plan is agreed by Cabinet annually and monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee sixmonthly.

The Corporate Equalities Steering Group meets monthly with an alternation between business and workshop sessions. The group is chaired by the Chief Executive and membership includes the DELOs and the trade unions. Each DELO also chairs a monthly Directorate Equalities Focus Group.

Each service, team and individual work plan is expected to include diversity and equality objectives to ensure that staff see issues as part of their day-to-day work. To support this a range of training is offered by Corporate Learning and Development including age legislation and best practice, disability equality, sexuality awareness and equality impact assessments.

To help meet our priorities, we have a number of standards to mainstream diversity and equality across the organisation. To achieve this, we will:

Standard	How is this delivered?
Undertake equality impact assessments of both new and	The EqIA programme is monitored regularly by the Corporate
existing policies	Equalities Steering Group and is reported annually as part of the
	Diversity and Equality Action Plan and included within the Race,
	Disability and Gender Equality Scheme reports as appropriate
Ensure that all our team plans incorporate relevant diversity and	This is included with the annual review of team plans and
equality objectives and targets	reported to the Council's Performance Review Group.
Ensure all new staff participate in Council equality induction	This is co-ordinated by Organisational Development in
training processes	Corporate Human Resources.
Ensure that our policies are compliant with equality legislation	Committee reports and budget proposals must include consideration of diversity and equality implications.
Involve communities, staff and stakeholders in the design,	Three cross-cutting equality staff forums (covering Black and
review and scrutiny of our services and employment practices	Minority Ethnic, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and
	Disabled Staff) meet every quarter.
	We also have two self-organised Staff Forums: The Muslim Staff
	Forum and the Adults Health and Wellbeing Directorate Black
	and Asian Workers Forum.
	External forums include the Interfaith Forum and LGBT Forum
	which meet monthly. Work is underway to develop a
	representative pan disability panel, which will replace the
	Disabled Access Group.
	The Consultation Calendar outlines the key pieces of
	consultation underway in the borough and includes focussed
	pieces of work on specific diversity and equality issues.
	An acqualities analysis of the Annual Desidents' Comissuis
	An equalities analysis of the Annual Residents' Survey is

	produced each year.
Members provide community leadership on diversity and equality	The Deputy Leader has the lead for Diversity and Equalities.
	The Diversity and Equality Action Plan, the Race, Disability and Gender Equality Schemes and the Workforce to Reflect the Community Policy are all agreed by Cabinet.
	Overview and Scrutiny monitors the Diversity and Equality Action Plan. The reviews undertaken by the Scrutiny Leads ensure that diversity, equality and community cohesion are addressed at each stage.
	A Members' Diversity and Equality Group has been established as a forum for learning and development focused on community leadership skills and as an open space to explore diversity and equality issues faced by the council
Use our monitoring information to assess our achievements against service equality objectives and targets	These are incorporated into the Diversity and Equality Action Plan and will be reviewed during 2008/09.
Benchmark our policies and practices against other public bodies	We work with London Councils and other relevant cross- borough, regional and national groups to test our practice.
	We have demonstrated out commitment to learning from others by establishing the Diversity and Equality Network to bring together diversity and equality practitioners from across the local private, public and voluntary sectors.
	We have participated in several best practice groups including the Capital Ambition Equality Standard for London Local Government programme and the Equality Impact Assessment

	Peer Support initiative with Bristol and Gravesham.
	Staff from the Diversity and Equality Team contribute to national benchmarking groups including the Employers Forums on Age, Disability and Belief.
Seek external validation of our equality achievements	The Equality Standard is the validation tool used by approximately 90% of councils nationally. We will be reassessed against the Standard in December 2008. In 2009 the Standard will be replaced by the new Equalities Framework for Local Government and we will be the first authority in the country to be assessed against it in April 2009. The CPA assessment undertaken 2008 also provided rigorous external audit.
	Investors in People and the Stonewall Equality Index are two other recent examples.
Celebrate diversity and promote cohesion	Working with the third and private sectors, a series of events and festivals are timetabled throughout the year both to celebrate the diversity of the Tower Hamlets and to help promote cohesion.
Increase the extent to which our workforce reflects the local community	This is a key Council policy aimed at delivering the corporate commitment "to provide services which offer equal access to every person on the borough reflecting the diversity of the population, and will be overwhelmingly staffed by local people whose profile reflects the community." To drive forward improvements in this area we have a joint action plan with the Primary Care Trust and are seeking to extend this work to cover the six equality strands.

#### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following indicators measure our diversity and equality achievements across the range of Council services in 2007-08.

An analysis of performance against these targets has informed the development of the 2008-09 Diversity and Equality Plan. The following areas of underperformance against targets for 2007-08 are addressed specifically in the Action Plan for 2008-09:

- We failed to meet our targets to increase the percentage of disabled staff in the workforce and the percentage of top five percent of staff who have a disability. The 20008-09 Diversity and Equality Action Plan therefore includes activities to increase the representation of disabled people in the workforce through targeted initiatives and strengthening of inclusive working practices
- We did not meet the target for percentage of Council buildings which are suitable and accessible for disabled people or the target on percentage of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people. This year's Action Plan includes a programme of activities to improve access to services for disabled people through work on physical access, accessible provision of information and engagement with disabled people
- We achieved a reduction in teenage pregnancy rates but not sufficient to meet our target. This year's plan includes targeted initiatives and enhanced service provision to reduce teenage pregnancy
- We achieved an increase in the percentage of top five percent earners in the Council who are from an ethnic minority but failed to meet the 2007/08 target. This shortfall will be addressed through the implementation of the refreshed Workforce to Reflect the Community action plan to address under-representation of BME staff in senior management posts in the Council and the PCT
- We saw a drop in the number of racially aggravated incidents recorded by the Council. However this indicator is ambiguous as it is unclear whether such a drop is due to a reduction in the number of actual incidents or in a decline in confidence in the reporting mechanisms available. This downwards trend has been common across London and there is no evidence to suggest that rates of confidence in the Council's response to hate crime have declined. On this basis it has been agreed that this indicator will be replaced by an indicator which monitors the proportion of incidents reported to the Council which result in formal enforcement action being taken. The 2007-08 baseline for this indicators is 35% with a target of 70% for 2008/09.

Chief Ex	Chief Executive's											
PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual 07/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10		
BV002a	Level of Equality Standard for local Government to which the authority conforms.	Level	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
BV002b	The quality of an Authority's Race Equality Scheme (RES) and the improvements resulting from its application.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
BV011a, CEO45a, SP517, TH1041	Percentage of	%	41.42	44.41	48.66	53.21	52.71	50.00	50.00	50.00		

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PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual 07/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
BV011b, CE044a, SP516, THI040	The percentage of the top 5% of Local Authority staff who are from an ethnic minority	%	14.62	16.43	14.29	15.26	17.43	18.00	22.00	25.00
BV011c	Percentage of the top paid 5% of staff who have a disability (excluding those in maintained schools)	%		3.58	2.45	4.62	3.51	5.00	5.50	6.00
<u>BV016a</u>	Percentage of staff declaring that they meet the Disability Discrimination	%	3.92	3.91	4.66	5.12	4.7	5.50	6.00	6.50

	Act disability definition									
BV016b	Percentage of economically active disabled people in the authority area.	%	16.19	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	N/R	N/R	N/R
<u>BV017a</u>	Percentage of authority employees from minority ethnic communities as a percentage of the total workforce	%	36.6	37.2	41.20	43.53	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R

PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual 07/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
BV017b	Percentage	%	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.3	N/R	N/R	N/R

	of economically active minority ethnic community population in the authority area.									
<u>BV156</u>	Percentage of Authority buildings in which all public areas are suitable for and accessible to disabled people.	%	28.81	38.98	54.39	54.39	63	70	80	80
BV174, CE013, XTH004	Number of racial incidents recorded by the authority per 100,000 population.	number	243.2	237.18	286.55	227.48	146.61	285	280	275

BV175, CE014, CPAH19	Percentage of racial incidents that resulted in further action.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
BV225	Actions Against Domestic Violence	%			100	100	100	100	100	100

PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual 07/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
LAA202	Percentage of residents who feel their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds can get on well together (proxy for LAA 116)	%		68	73	70	71	77	79	N/R
LAAS202a	Percentage									

	increase in the number of residents from communities sometimes defined as hard to attending LAP events: (a) BME residents			54	142	48	48	N/R
LAAS202b	Percentage increase in the number of residents from communities sometimes defined as hard to reach attending LAP events: Bangladeshi residents			39	152	33	33	N/R
LAAS202c	Percentage increase in the number of residents from communities sometimes defined as hard to			5	24	5	5	N/R

LAAS202d	reach attending LAP events: Somali residents Percentage increase in the number of residents from communities sometimes defined as hard to reach attending LAP events: Young people				35	370	15	15	N/R
LAAS204	Percentage of residents who think that this a place where people respect ethnic differences (proxy for LAA 116)	%	70	82	74	75	79	82	N/R

# **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Tower Ha	ower Hamlets Performance						Tower Hamlets Targets				
PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual O7/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10	
<u>BV043a</u>	Percentage of statements of special educational need prepared within 18 weeks excluding those affected by "exceptions to the rule" under the SEN Code of Practise	%	73.1	99.2	100	100	98.34	100	100	100	
BV043b	Percentage of statements of special educational need prepared within 18 weeks	%	9.1	80.3	94.8	97.5	90.82	100	100	100	

including those				
affected by				
"exceptions to				
the rule" under				
the SEN Code				
of Practise				

PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual O7/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
BV197, LAA610, SP209	Percentage change in the number of conceptions to females aged under 18; resident in an area, per thousand females aged 15-17 resident in the area, compared with the baseline year of 1998.	%	-19.6	-25.3	-25-3	-25.3	-24.2	-38.3	-42.5	-46.7

# **ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE**

Tower Hai	Tower Hamlets Performance									ts
PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual O7/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
BV165, CPAE16	Percentage of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people.	%	88.9	96.3	98.11	78.4	71.43	100	100	100

HOUSING	<b>3</b>									
Tower Ha	mlets Performance		Tower Hamlets Targets							
PI Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual O7/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10
BV075c	Satisfaction of tenants of council housing	%	48.66	48.66	49.00	42.63	42.63	42.63	42.63	62.50

	with opportunities for participation in management and decision making in relation to housing services provided by their landlord: b) non-black and minority ethnic tenants.									
BV164, CPAH10	Does the authority follow the Commission for Racial Equality	Yes/no	yes							

# PRIMARY CARE TRUST

<b>Tower Har</b>	nlets Performance	<b>)</b>					Tower Hamlets Targets				
Pl Ref No.	Description	Meas. In	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Actual O7/08	Target 07/08	08/09	09/10	
LAA301a	Increased life expectancy, with a 10% reduction in the gap between Tower Hamlets and the average for England and Wales by 2010 – men (data monitored annually, but available two years in arrears)	%	73.9			74.9	75.2	74.8	75.1	N/R	

LAA301b	Increased life	number	79.2		79.9	79.6	79.8	80.0	N/R
	expectancy, with								
	a 10% reduction								
	in the gap								
	between Tower								
	Hamlets and the								
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LAAP303	Breast cancer screening coverage for women aged 50- 70 years (proxy for LAA 302)	%		37.8	51.4	52	N/R	60	70	N/R

LAAP304	Cervical screening coverage for women aged 25- 64 years (proxy for LAA 303)	%		73.7	72.5	73	71	80	80	N/R
LAA306a	Reduce health inequalities between the local authority area and the England population by narrowing the gap in all- age, all- cause mortality: male	number	964			894.8	872.73	838	N/R	N/R

## **DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY ACTION PLAN CORPORATE PRIORITES**

The actions listed below are within the remit of Councillor Sirajul Islam as the Lead Member for Equalities and are all led by the Service Head, Scrutiny and Equalities, Michael Keating, in partnership with all service Directorates. A key driver in each of the actions will be maintaining Level 5 in the Revised Equality Standard for Local Government.

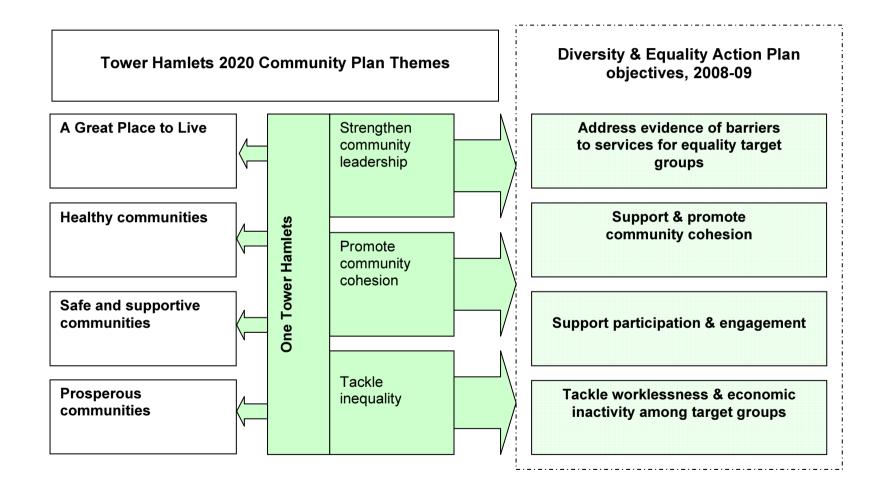
Objective	Key activities	Target date
Ensure that the Council operates to the highest standards of equalities practice  Ensure that Council's equality achievements are verified through internal scrutiny and validated through external scrutiny	<ul> <li>Collate revised Level 5 Equality Standard evidence and undertake self-assessment to verify performance on targets and outcomes for Level 5.</li> <li>Undertake internal review to scrutinise and verify Council's Level 5 Standard equality achievements, involving Councillors and equality forum members.</li> <li>External Peer Assessment undertaken to independently scrutinise and validate Council's Level 5 status against the revised Equality Standard for Local Government</li> </ul>	Sept 2008  October 2008  Dec 2008

Ensure that the Council has in place clear equality priorities and targets for all six equality strands	<ul> <li>Develop and Publish a revised Race Equality Scheme for 2008-11</li> <li>Develop and publish a Faith, Religion and Belief Equality Scheme in consultation with the Tower Hamlets Inter-Faith Forum</li> <li>Develop and publish a Age Equality Scheme in consultation with the Older People's Board and Tower Hamlets Youth Partnership</li> <li>Develop and publish a Sexual Orientation Equality Scheme in consultation with LGBT staff and community forums.</li> </ul>	Sept 2008  Dec 2008  Dec 2008  Dec 2008
	Establish a Gender Equality Scheme Monitoring Group	Sept 2008
	Review Disability Equality Scheme	Dec 2008
Ensure that the Council is making progress in relation to equality in employment outcomes across all six equality strands.	<ul> <li>Produce and publish an employment monitoring report in relation to all six strands.</li> </ul>	Jan 2009
Ensure that equalities training effectively meet the requirements of Level 5 Equality Standard and the Council's Corporate, Gender,	Undertake a comprehensive review of the Council's equalities training provision, including: a needs analysis and corporate/directorate/service level training provisions;	Aug 2008
Race and Disability Equality Schemes.	<ul> <li>Based on the outcome of the review, CESG in partnership with Learning and Development to establish a programme of work to strengthen the Council's diversity and equalities training.</li> </ul>	Oct 2008
Strengthen community	Undertake strategic level EQIA of Tower Hamlets Partnership governance	Dec 2008

engagement processes for designated community, staff and stakeholder groups to participate in the development of equality objectives, service design and employment.	structures and develop action plan to ensure consultation and involvement structures engage all communities across all six equality strands.	
Further improve support to staff to undertake equality impact assessments (EQIAs)	Produce EQIA electronic learning tool and EQIA electronic forms.	Sept 2009
Ensure that relevant human rights implications are considered within policies and practice	<ul> <li>Establish guidance for staff on Human Rights legislation and its implications for Council services.</li> <li>Hold a council training event on human rights legislation.</li> </ul>	March 2009  March 2009
Ensure that the potential to promote diversity and equality through the procurement process is maximised	Review and reformulation of equalities criteria for procurement process	March 2009
Address identified challenges/ barriers in undertaking effective equalities monitoring across 6 equality strands and improve the quality of monitoring data	Communicate key messages on why we monitor, our commitment to monitoring and the benefits of monitoring; produce FAQ card for staff; embed monitoring key messages into relevant corporate training events.	Sept 2008
collected.	<ul> <li>Publicise the benefits of equalities monitoring through Manager's Briefing,</li> <li>Pulling Together and East End Life – seek to find meaningful examples of where monitoring has led to improvements.</li> </ul>	Sept 2008

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	Examine the possibility of holding training for managers on how to effectively utilise data on equalities profile of staff and service users	Dec 2008
	<ul> <li>Examine how the Council can more effectively promote monitoring amongst service users in order to increase the quality of the data we receive</li> </ul>	Dec 2008
	Examine current IT systems and the procurement of future systems to ensure that staff have adequate fields to be able to monitor on all six strands	March 2009
Continue to strengthen equalities practice across the borough working towards a Level 5	<ul> <li>Coordinate quarterly Diversity and Equality Network meetings and work to achieve established joint equality targets with partner organisations.</li> </ul>	March 2009
Borough	■ Improve the representation of RSLs on the Diversity and Equality Network	Sept 2008
Further strengthen the mainstreaming of diversity and equality practice.	Further develop equalities guidance in performance management and service planning toolkits.	Dec 2008
	Build equalities considerations into peer review of team plans.	Dec 2008
Develop Member Capacity on	Establish Members Equality Working Group	Sept 2008
diversity and equality	Support Members to establish a programme of work for the Group	Dec 2008

Ensure that community cohesion impact is assessed for key services.	•	Develop a community cohesion impact assessment tool and embed into service planning	March 2009
Develop the capacity of the Council to implement equalities objectives at strategic level.	•	Undertake Strategic Level EQIAs of Workforce to Reflect the Community Strategy; Section106 funding; Customer Access; Tower Hamlets Partnership.	March 2009



Link to other plans	Equality strand	Objective  nd economic inactivity among target gr	Key activity	Progress milestone
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CYPP	Race Disability Gender Age	Increase numbers in education, employment and training post-16 including from specified target groups.  Contact Officer: Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth and Community Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Support the transition of young people into further education, training or employment by more effective tracking and work through personal advisers, including support for targeted individuals e.g. Somali young people; young people with disabilities; and young mothers.	30 young Somalis, 20 young people with learning difficulties and 20 young mothers supported with community person advisors by the end of September 2008.
CYPP	Age	Increase level 2 and level 3 attainment by 19  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Provide targeted support post-16 to young people at risk of underachievement.	Pilot the use of advanced skills personal advisors to support NEET prevention in schools and successful transition at 16 by the end of September 2008.

SP	All	Identify and remove barriers to employment for target groups and help people to get employment by ensuring there is support and training before and after they get a job  Contact Officer: Sue Hinds, Access to Employment Manager, Development and Renewal Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Alibor Choudhury	Implement and commence delivery of City Strategy Single Point of Access pilot programme integrating Councilled employment activities and advice into current Council activities such as Extended Schools provision, Children's Centres, Community Hubs and Idea Stores.	600 workless residents into employment, 100 from workless families by March 2009  Evaluate the activities within the pilot to determine future priorities by March 2009  Strategy for community hubs development agreed by October 2008
SP	All	Update evidence base and develop an economic development strategy to better inform key priorities for the borough  Contact Officer: Sue Hinds, Access to Employment Manager, Development and Renewal Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Alibor Choudhury	Develop employment strategy which addresses equalities profile of unemployment and worklessness in the borough.	Evaluate the activities within the pilot to determine future priorities by March 2009  Employment strategy paper drafted for consultation by July 2008  Wider economic development strategy paper drafted by Sept 2008

SP	Disability Gender	Develop joint partnership programmes of employability interventions to augment/improve mainstream provision of employment support  Contact Officer: Sue Hinds, Access to Employment Manager, Development and Renewal Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Alibor Choudhury	Develop the Working Neighbourhoods Fund commissioning strategy to include work with excluded groups with a clear focus on moving people into employment  Joint partnership programme plans developed	Report of key interventions to CPAG in July 2008  Quarterly updates provided for relevant CPAGs
	Disability	Increase access to employment for disabled people and people with mental health problems  Contact Officer: Deborah Clarke, Joint Director of Human Resources and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust, Resources Directorate  Lead Officer: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Increase number of cases managed by Adult Social Care Services referred to employment projects	Employment strategy for vulnerable adults and for those with disabilities agreed by CMT by July 2008  Consultation with broad range of stakeholders by July 2008  Action plan to meet LAA targets agreed with TH Partnership for Learning Disabilities and Mental Health by October 2008  All new referrals consistently considered for employment options and referrals made to appropriate projects by March 2009.

				All existing care plans reviewed for employment choices and referrals made to appropriate projects: March 2009.
				Commissioning plans to support social enterprises to develop employment opportunities by December 2008.
		Develop a strategic framework to promote sustainability and enterprise in our communities	Further develop Muslim Women's Collective (MWC)	With key partners facilitate the development of a delivery plan for 2008/09 by May 2008
CLC DP	Religion/Belief	Contact Officer: Robin Beattie, Acting Head, Strategy and Performance, Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed		Assist Muslim Women's Collective with business planning process and negotiations with key funders by July 2008
				Oversee the delivery of the above delivery plan by March 2009
	Gender Disability	Enhance our understanding of the experience and needs of women and disabled people in the local labour	Commission research on labour market experiences of women	Research specification agreed by July 2008
		market		Research to commence by September 2008

		Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executives, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Promote awareness of employers' responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and the benefits of employing disabled people through the Council's Business Forum lunch seminars.	Lunch seminar to be held by March 2009
WFRC	Race Gender Disability Age	Increase the extent to which the PCT and the Council are viewed as desirable and accessible places to work  Contact Officer: Deborah Clarke, Joint Director of Human Resources and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust, Resources Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Communications in both the PCT and the Council to work to establish a compelling employer brand focusing on the local community and making them a place where local people want to work  Establish talent pool of potential applicants who are looking for jobs in the public sector, across both the council and the PCT and ensure that good but unsuccessful BME/disabled candidates are encouraged to apply for further jobs	Employer brand developed by August 2008  Talent pool established by January 2009
			Establish local recruitment methods for entry level positions	Local recruitment methods for entry level positions established by June 2008

			Develop career entry routes including apprenticeship, assistant and trainee positions	Develop new scheme in partnership with Tower Hamlets College and Children's Services to promote pathways for employment at the Council by October 2008  Provide 30 Level One apprenticeship places for TH school leavers by October 2008
			Extend careers work with 14-19 year olds to raise awareness of career paths in the NHS and the local authority	Extend careers work with 14-19 year olds by January 2009
		Increase the extent to which the Council's temporary workforce reflects the community  Contact Officer:  Deborah Clarke, Joint Director of	Incorporate monitoring of six equality strands into Commensura system and produce report on equalities profile of temporary staff to inform refresh of Workforce to Reflect the Community strategy	System reconfigured to capture equalities data by October 2008
WFRC	All	Human Resources and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust, Resources Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam		First equalities monitoring report produced, March 2009

Support participation and engagement of equality target groups in decision making and active citizenship activities				
		Engage in Olympic legacy masterplan process to secure maximum benefits for Tower Hamlets from legacy	Consultation on Olympic Masterplan in October 2008	Consultation on Olympic Masterplan in October 2008
SP	All	Contact Officer: Nick Smales, Service Head, Olympics and Paralympic Games, Development and Renewal Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Ohid Ahmed		Borough views incorporated with acceptable Master plan by March 2009
		Ensure that the needs and views of equality target groups are effectively	Review governance structures of the Tower Hamlets Partnership	Complete Strategic level EQIA of Tower Hamlets Partnership
	All	reflected in local decision making and service review mechanisms	Tower Harmote Fartherenip	structures by September 2008
		Contact Officer: Shazia Hussain, Interim Director of		EQIA action plan agreed by CESG by December 2008
		Tower Hamlets Partnership, Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate		Establish four local interfaith networks, linking up to Interfaith Forum, by March 2009
		Lead Member: Cllr Ohid Ahmed		

		Improve standards of early years provision to give every child the best possible start in life  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early	Provide opportunities for all young children to play learn and express themselves, including those with disabilities and complex health needs.	Increase the capacity of the Council and its partners to engage with faith communities, disabled people and LGBT communities by embedding the Councils Equalities Forums within the wider structures of the Partnership  Monitoring data shows an increase in the number of children with disabilities accessing Children's Centres services over the year by the end of December 2008.
CYPP	Disability	Years Children and Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins		Evidence of daily planned outdoor play provision in all settings with outdoor areas by the end of December 2008.

All	Develop robust mechanisms for involvement of service users in Adults Health and Social Care Services  Contact Officer: Deborah Cohen, Service Head Health and Disability, Adults Health and Wellbeing Directorate  Lead Members: Cllr Anwara Ali	Develop Service User Involvement Plan	Revised Service User Involvement Plan agreed by September 08
Gender	Develop the Women into Public Life programme to increase the number of women taking up positions in local representation structures  Contact Officer: John Williams, Service Head-Democratic Services, Democratic Renewal & Engagement, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Deliver Future Women Councillors training programme	Recruit candidates to participate in the programme by May 2008  Undertake training needs assessment by June 2008  Training programme developed by July 2008  15 women to attend modular training courses by December 2008

All	Increase the engagement of equality target groups in cultural activities and the extent to which these activities bring people together  Contact Officer: Paul Martindill, Service Head, Cultural Services, Communities, Localities and Culture  Lead Member: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed	LBTH Arts and Events programme reflects 'One Tower Hamlets' objectives	All entries on the LBTH Arts and Events forward plan incorporate methods to increase participation of specific equalities target groups by March 2009  Community events incorporated within the 'One Tower Hamlets' Community Plan marketing campaign
Sexual Orientation	Increase the involvement of LGBT parents in their children's education and well-being  Contact Officer: Sarah Gale, Head of Equalities and Parental Engagement, Children's Services  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Work with Rainbow Parents LGBT Parents Support Group to provide support to LGBT parents in Tower Hamlets  Develop and strengthen existing support networks for LGBT parents	Council representative to routinely liaise with Rainbow Parents LGBT Support Group.  Roll out No Outsiders Project (Project to raise awareness of the diversity of family life through children's literature) by March 2009.

Age	Ensure local residents benefit from participation activities available through the Olympics  Contact Officer Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth Offending Team, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins  Contact Officer: Paul Martindill, Service Head, Cultural Services, Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Ohid Ahmed	Develop an Education Olympic Strategy to contribute to the promotion & steering of sporting & cultural activities available for young people in the run up to the 2012 Olympic Games  Contribute to the development and delivery of the Cultural Olympiad.	Strategy in place by September 2008  Core legacy activities highlighted, including a Gifted and Talented programme for all sports, including disability sports by March 09  A cultural programme of activities, linked to the national four-year Cultural Olympiad by March 09  Publication of 5 Borough Festival Brochure May 2008  Project scoped by September 2008  5 Borough Olympic Art Project commissioned September 2008
			Draft Framework completed by March 2009
All	Ensure that the Local Involvement Networks (LINKS) are used to effectively engage all the equality	Host organisation specification recognises the need to engage with all six equality targets groups	Project scoped by September 2008

	target groups to better understand and meet their health needs  Contact Officer: Shazia Hussain, Interim Director of Tower Hamlets Partnership, Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Ohid Ahmed	Action Plan developed to engage with equalities target groups and ensure their involvement in the networks	
	Improve consultation and engagement with young people across Council and partnership services  Contact Officer: Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth Offending Team, Children's Services	Produce Participation Toolkit to support services to involve young people in a meaningful way in service review and scrutiny	Youth Participation Toolkit completed and disseminated by March 2009
All	Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Increase the participation of children & young people in decision making and community life	Redeveloped AMP website for children and young people launched by June 2008.  Over 5000 young people vote in the Young Mayor elections by February 2009  Over 180 young people engaged in the Tower Hamlets Youth Partnership, through activities held in every LAP area by March 2009

Disability Sexual Orientation Religion/Belief	Improve representation of equality target groups in Youth Participation activities,  Contact Officer: Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth Offending Team, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Undertake specific consultation with young people with learning disabilities, lesbian, gay and bisexual young people and young people from different faith communities on how we can ensure that they can access youth participation activities	Consultation plan agreed by June 2008  Targeted consultation undertaken alongside census of youth service users
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Support and promote **community cohesion**, including: Embedding cohesion considerations into planning in key policy areas (Education, Community Safety and Housing); Support positive activities that bring people together and build bridges between communities; Support interaction between new and existing communities and; tackle all forms of discrimination and harassment Positively re-integrate young people Implement the Race Audit action plan Action Plan in place by May who offend agreed by the Police, CPS, YOT & the 2008 Court to monitor the ethnic composition of offenders. Quarterly monitoring meeting to Contact Officer: Stuart Johnson, Youth Offending take place from September 2008 Race Team Manager, Children's Services Directorate Review plan by March 2009 Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins Promote and support community "Tolerance in Diversity" - facilitate short Facilitate projects themed on cohesion among children and young term peer led projects themed on discrimination & hate crimes. discrimination & hate crimes involving 32 projects with 168 people. young people successfully Contact Officer: completing TiD led projects and Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth receiving a recorded outcome. Offending Team, Children's Services 18 peer workers to complete OCN level 2 - accredited Directorate outcome by March 2009 Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins Age Design and run 6 Deliver school, after-school and intergenerational projects to community based intergenerational include at least 2 secondary and projects which reduce mistrust and 2 primary schools within 2008/09 animosity between generations, building positive relationships and work with a target group of 50 older people 55+ and 60 children understanding between people of different generations, and often thus and young people by March

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		Improve uptake of out of school activities by young people to ensure cross – community engagement	Link out of school management information systems with youth service to monitor uptake by March 2009.
Age Disability	Reduce the risk of young people becoming victims of crime, and improve their perception of safety in the local area  Contact Officer: Mary Durkin, Service Head, Youth Offending Team, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Increase awareness of the impact of disability and disfigurement bullying, cyber bullying and homophobic bullying	A training session on cyber bullying for school governors to take place by December 2008  A training session on homophobic bullying for school governors to take place by March 2008.  Audit of the anti-bullying policies of all schools by December 2008  Model anti-bullying policy for youth providers in place by December 2008

		Set up a commission into the Public Safety of children and young people in Tower Hamlets to address the dual issues of violence by groups of young people and the safety of the local community, particularly of young people themselves	Commission to be set up by September 2008  Commission concluded by December 2008  Action plan agreed by March 2009
All	Develop a delivery plan to respond to the report of the Commission on Cohesion and Integration to include a cross-borough bridging activities  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	'One Tower Hamlets' delivery plan developed by September 2008	Initial proposals developed by July 2008  Draft delivery plan reviewed by Partnership Executive by September 2008  Finalised plan reviewed by Partnership Board by October 2008
All	Implement Community Cohesion Impact Assessment procedures within service planning in priority areas  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Srajul Islam	Local Community Cohesion Impact Assessment (CCIA) tool developed by September 2008	CCIA tool developed by September 2008  CCIA tool piloted in at least three policy areas by March 2009

Race	Enhance our understanding of the profile and needs of new communities through work with the Refugee and New Residents Forum  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Develop a work programme for the Refugee and New Residents Forum  Support the delivery of the New Migrants Integration Initiative	Work Programme for New Residents & Refugee Forum agreed by August 2008  Welcome packs for new residents accessible across frontline council services by November 2008.  40 frontline staff trained on working with new residents by March 2008
ALL	Develop the ability of the Council and its partners to monitor community tensions  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Review the role of the Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group to ensure effective links to other partnership groups	CCCPTMG members take part in ICoCo/Metropolitan Police Service tension monitoring training by May 2008  Development session held for CCCPTMG members to support them in their role as project assurance group for PVE programme by September 2008
All	Enhance our understanding of the needs of victims of hate crime  Contact Officer: Andy Bamber, Service Head,	Commission Hate Crime Victim Needs Analysis	Advisory group established with representation from key partners, project scope and tender process agreed and tender let by June 2008

	Community Safety, Communities, Localities and Culture  Lead Member: Cllr Abdal Ullah		Primary research completed by September 2008
			Publish final report and disseminate findings through existing partnership networks by December 2008
			Recommendations reviewed by relevant services and action plan developed to address identified service improvements by March 2009
All	Extend 'No Place for Hate' communications campaign to address all six hate crime strands  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Incorporate 'No Place for Hate' messages in Community Plan marketing campaign	10 Youth hate crime champions identified and trained aged 16-19 to deliver HC awareness workshops with youth/educational and community groups by June 2008 Trainer development programme developed for 10 existing champions by September 2008
			Hate crime champions to deliver 3 awareness sessions each, total 60 sessions by December 2008

			End of year report of project outcomes by March 2009
	Develop and deliver Preventing Violent Extremism delivery plan in line with national guidance, drawing on local research and policy development		Develop and agree PVE Partnership Delivery Plan by July 2008
	Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's	Assistant Develop and deliver Preventing Violent	Commission PVE projects for 2008-11 by November 2008
All	Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Abdal Ullah	with colleagues in the Police, criminal justice services and voluntary sector	Carry out a Young Muslim's Leadership Academy, for 24 young men and women drawn from across the borough, by September 2008.
			Publish the PEACE guide to Islam and youth Work, by March 2009.

All	Support and improve access to open spaces  Contact Officer: Nick Smales, Service Head, Olympics and Paralympic Games, Developmen and Renewal Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Ohid Ahmed		Vision study completed by September 2008
All	Increase level of participation in leisure activities by under-represented groups  Contact Officer: Paul Martindill, Service Head, Cultura Services, Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed	building schools for the future programme and future developments within the Borough	Demand and supply mapping completed based on future population growth by June 200

All	Ensure that Council services are accessible to all equality target groups  Contact Officer: Claire Symonds, Service Head, Customer Access, Resources Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Joshua Peck	Undertake Strategic level EQIA of Customer Access	Draft EQIA to be reviewed by CESG September 2008  Final EQIA action plan agreed December 2008
Race Disability	Ensure the Council makes available high quality interpreting and translation services which meet the needs of all service users however they chose to access our services  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Complete Review of Interpreting and Translation services, drawing on national guidance with a particular focus on needs of disabled service users	Interpreting & Translation Review completed by August 2008  Revised interpreting and translation policy and guidance inclusive of disability communications guidelines and good practice produced by December 2008.

Age	Improve the emotional well-being and mental health of children and young people by increasing the focus on early intervention and improving access for mental health services for vulnerable groups.  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Support schools to ensure that the emotional well-being of pupils is addressed effectively through the curriculum by continuing to implement the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) strategy effectively	SEAL implemented in all Primary schools by July 2008  Transition worker support programme extended to support 20% more young people by June 2008  Extend amount of early intervention mental health support delivered through schools and Children's Centres by September 2008
	Continue to reduce teenage pregnancy in the borough, particularly in high incidence areas, and raise awareness of sexual health risks among children and young people under the age of 19.  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Implement ASPIRE pilot project with year 9 & 10 to prevent unplanned pregnancy, doing targeted work with girls at risk, to improve educational achievement and boost self-esteem	Work with 30 girls at risk by March 2009

СҮРР	Age	Improve access to and quality of support to children and young people with disabilities and their families.  Contact Officer: Kamini Rambellas, Service Head Childrens Social Care, Childrens Services  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Consult with children with disabilities to inform the commissioning process for personal care providers.	Implement a positive parenting programme for parents of children with disabilities to assist in achieving sustainable care in the home, with SLA in place with CAMHS and Eva Armsby Centre by July 2008.  Develop eligibility criteria for short breaks by July 2008.  To produce and distribute leaflets to promote direct payments and complete staff training by September 2008  Recruit transition worker to develop person centred planning for transition to Adults Services by September 2008.
CYPP	Age	Continue to protect children from risk of harm and neglect  Contact Officer: Kamini Ramballas, Service Head, Social Care, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Review the work carried out within faith, and other communities in Tower Hamlets, and to target input into the leaders of those communities, through training, coaching and other forms of support, to facilitate their direct involvement in preventative work with families	In conjunction with the African Families Service Pastors Group develop Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Handbook for use in all black African/African Caribbean churches by December 2008.  Overarching independent review of work with faith/ethnic communities in Tower Hamlets by January 2009.

				Delivery of 8 sessions of child protection training to Imams and Islamic teachers focusing on the implementation of the Mosques and Madrassahs Safeguarding Guidance by March 2009.  Specific training provided to six Imams to enhance their expertise and ability to support other Imams and community leaders in dealing effectively with domestic violence by March 2009.
СҮРР	All	To develop a continuum of parenting support from early intervention through targeted and specialist multiagency services to the use of enforcement measures	Embed the Family Intervention Programme, focusing on the needs of families of offenders and those with complex and multiple problems.	Formal transfer of responsibility of senior parenting worker posts form Community Safety to FIP by end May 2008
		Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning,	Ensure that children and families affected by domestic violence are identified, assessed and offered appropriate protection and support at the earliest opportunity.	Provide therapeutic support for 40 mothers and children whose lives have been seriously disrupted by domestic violence by end March 2009

		Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins		Review commissioning therapeutic services family support services for mothers and children by end March 2009
CYPP	Race	Through personalised learning accelerate improvements in attainment with a particular focus on key stages 1 and 3 and GCSE English and Maths  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Focus on improving the attainment of pupils with English as an additional language in schools, through guidance and advice on developing effective leadership & management and quality first teaching.	Continue to support Primary National Strategy English as an additional language projects in 26 schools by July 2008  Evaluate Secondary National Strategy Minority Ethnic Achievement Project in 3 schools by June 2008  Hold termly training for Ethnic Minority Achievement subject leaders to develop skills
CYPP	Age	Improve transition at all key points, with a particular emphasis on the transition from primary to secondary, statutory to post 16 provision and from education to adult life.  Contact Officer: Helen Jenner, Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services Directorate  Lead Member: Cllr Clair Hawkins	Improve post-16 transition support, particularly for vulnerable groups.	Develop person centred approaches to Year 9 transition planning by end September 2008

	Disability	Create an inclusive environment for disabled people  Contact Officer: Michael Keating, Acting Assistant	Review and update DDA audits of Council buildings to ensure action plans are in place to address outstanding issues in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act	Quarterly reports monitored by DES Monitoring Group
DES		Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Directorate	Produce Communications Guidance for all Council publications to ensure they meet best practice guidelines	Guidance produced by July 2008 and adopted by September 2008
		Lead Member: Cllr Sirajul Islam	Increase the capacity of Councillors to respond to the needs and views of disabled constituents	Devise and roll out programme of training for members
CYPP	Race Gender Age Disability	Improve the representation of equality target groups accessing youth services  Contact Officer: Mary Durkin, Service Head Youth and Community Learning, Children's Services	All Open Access Youth Provision contracts held by principal contractors to include five year targets to increase participation in relation to age, gender, disability and race to match the profile of the LAP area they are delivering in	All contracts to include equality group targets by March 2009
		Lead Member: Clair Hawkins		

# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME 2008/9

### **Chief Executive's**

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Scrutiny & Equality	Corporate Equalities Function	Michael Keating	Q3
	2. Support Equalities For ums (Internal & External)	Michael Keating	Q3
	Preventing Violent Extremism	Michael Keating	Q3
	4. Community Cohesion	Michael Keating	Q3
	5. Overview & Scrutiny Function	Afazul Haque	Q3
Communications	6. East End Life	Laraine Clay	Q3
Democratic Services	7. Nationality Checking Service	John S Williams (Catherine Sutton)	Q3
	8. Capital Ambition – Councillors of the Future	John S Williams (Beverley McKenzie / Susan Ritchie)	Q3
Legal Services	Local and National Elections	Isabella Freeman	Q3
Strategy & Performance	10. Community Plan and LAA	Alan Steward	Q2
	11. Strategic Plan	Louise Russell	Q4
	12. Awards (Screening)	Alan Steward	Q3

### **Children's Services**

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Children's Information	Contact Point	Siobhan Giles	Q3
Service	2. Information Strategy	Siobhan Giles	Q4
	3. THIS Child Programme Management	Siobhan Giles	Q3
Children's Resources	Adolescents resource centre	Hilary Bull	Q3
Children's Services Reviews	5. Reviewing Key Targets	Simon Rea	Q3
Early Years	6. Childcare	Jo Green	Q4
External Funding and	7. External Funding	Angela Lewis	Q4
Commissioning	8. Commissioning	Angela Lewis	Q4
	9. Community resources	Angela Lewis	Q4
Fieldwork Services	10. Advice and Assessment Team	Urmee Mazher	Q4
	11. Family Support and Protection Services	Sukriti Sen	Q4
Leaving Care Service	12. Support Services for care leavers	Jenny Boyd	Q4
Parental Engagement	13. Family Support and Parental Engagement Strategy	Sarah Gale	Q3
Parents' Advice Centre	14. Parental Partnership Service (M)	Sarah Gale	Q4
Pupil Services	15. Home to School Travel Passes	Hania Franek	Q3
Resources	16. Education Building Development (Screening)	Pat Watson	Q3
	17. Schools Finance (Screening)	Kate Bingham	Q3
	18. Technical Services (Screening)	Pat Watson	Q3
Social Care ICT	19. Training and Supporting Staff	Anthony Hammond	Q3
Stakeholder Engagement and Participation	20. Communication Team	Sukjinder Nunwa	Q3
Support for Learning Service	21. Monitoring the impact of anti-bullying strategies (Behaviour Support Team)	Liz Vickerie/ Liam McQuade	Q4
Young People and	22. Arts and Music Education Service	Karen Brock	Q3
Learning	23. Education Improvement Partnership 14-19	Wendy Forrest	Q3
<u> </u>	24. E-Learning	John Woods	Q4

	25. Humanities Education Centre	Margaret Burr	Q3
	26. Physical Education, School Sport and Club Links Strategy	Helen Spedding	Q4
	27. Secondary School Improvement	Di Warne	Q4
	This could be done jointly with Primary Schools see 70		
Youth and Community	28. Training Team	Steve Sipple	Q4
Services	29. Rapid response team	Steve Sipple	Q4

## **Adults Health and Well-Being**

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Disabilities and Health	Hearing Clinic	Service Head-Disability and Health	Q3
Older People and Homelessness	Assessment and Care Management	Service Head-Older People and Homelessness	Q3
Disabilities and Health	3. Mental Health Act 2007	Service Head-Disability	Q3
	4. Deprivation of Liberty.	and Health	Q3
Older People and	5. Update Failed Visit Policy	Service Head-Older	Q3
Homelessness	6. Enablement	People and Homelessness	Q3
	7. Linkage Plus	Service Manager- Commissioning-Older People	Q3
Commissioning & Strategy	8. Continuing Health Care	Service Head- Commissioning and Strategy	Q3
Older People and Homelessness	9. Day Care for Somali Older People	Service Manager- Commissioning Older People	Q3
Commissioning & Strategy	10. Accommodation Project	Service Head- Commissioning and Strategy	Q3
Older People and Homelessness	11. Restructure in-house Homecare Service	Service Head-Older People and Homelessness	Q3
Older People and	12. Integration of	Service Head Older	Q3

Homelessness	<ul> <li>Provider Services</li> </ul>	People and	
Commissioning & Strategy	<ul><li>Commissioning</li></ul>	Homelessness and	
		Service Head	
		Commissioning and	
		Strategy	
Older People and	13. Homelessness Strategy	Strategy Manager,	Q3
Homelessness		Strategy and	
		Performance	
Older People and	14. Prevention of homelessness	Assessment and Advice	Q3
Homelessness		Manager	
Older People and	15. Allocation of Temporary Accommodation	Homeless	Q3
Homelessness	•	Accommodation	
		Business Manager	

#### Resources

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Human Resources	Workforce to Reflect the Community Strategy	Deb Clarke	Q3
	Flexible Working Hours Procedure	Joint Director Human	Q3
	<ol> <li>Corporate Handling Organisational Change Procedure</li> </ol>	Resources	Q3
	Recruitment & Selection Policy	Catriona Hunt	Q3
	Learning and Development Policy	Head of HR Operations	Q3
	Tower Hamlets and local Graduate Training     Schemes	Joint Director	Q3
ICT	7. ICT Service	Jim Roberts	Q3
ICT	Application design standards	Catherine Ortlepp	Q3
Service Development	Electronic Mail     Internet & Intranet     Acceptable Use Policy		Q3
ICT	10. Service Desk	Ken Bates	Q3
Service Delivery	11. Enrolment process		Q3
	12. ICT provision of Homeworking Policy		Q3
ICT	13. ICT Competency Framework	Khaled Hussain	Q3
Business Support	14. Supplier Relationship Management		Q3
Customer Access	15. Telephone contact	Claire Symonds	Q2
	Face to face contact	Service Head, Customer	Q2
	Web contact	Access	Q2
	Facilities management	Martin O Regan	Q3
Revenue services	16. Council Tax Business Rates Income Cashiers Payments	Paul McDermott	Q3

Corporate Finance	17. Treasury Management (screening)	Alan Finch	Q3

## **Communities, Localities & Culture**

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Cultural Services	Festivals & Events	S Murray	Q4
Arts & Events	Community Arts Projects		Q4
Mile End Park	3. Mile End Park	M Rowan	Q2
Cultural Services	4. Idea Stores	I McNicol/ J St John	Q3
Idea Stores & Libraries	5. Libraries		Q4
	6. Local History & Archives		Q4
	7. Outreach		Q4
	8. Children Services		Q4
	Reference & information services		Q4
	10. Life long learning		Q4
	11. ICT Services - peoples network		Q4
Cultural Services	12. Sports Development	P Martindill (M Davies / P	Q3
Sport & Physical Activity	13. Active communities	Dunn)	Q3
	14. Leisure Management		Q3
	15. School sports		Q3
	16. Healthy Lifestyles		Q3
	17. Summer programme		Q3
	18. Leisure Centres		Q3
Environmental Control Environmental Protection	19. Pest control	D Farrell / C Shipman	Q2
Environmental Health &	20. Food Safety	C Perrins	Q3
Trading Standards	21. Trading Standards Enforcement		Q3
(Commercial)	22. Health and Safety		Q3
	23. Consumer Advice		Q3
	24. Licensing administration		Q3
	25. Policy - Licensing		Q3
Public Realm	26. Parks & Open Spaces Management	C Stuart	Q3

Parks and Play	27. Landscape Architecture	C Stuart	Q3
	28. Arboriculture Services (screening)	C Stuart	Q3
Community Safety	29. Drug and Alcohol Action Team	Gilly Cottew	Q2
Drug and Alcohol Action	30. Alcohol Strategy	Gilles Bergeron	Q2
Team			
Community Safety	31. Reducing Re-Offending Strategy	Jon Underwood	Q1
Partnership and Performance			
Team			
Community Safety	32. ASB Investigation Process	Heather Mallider	Q4
Operations Team	33. ASBO Publicity Strategy	Heather Malider	Q3
	34. CCTV Strategy	Andy Bamber	Q3
Tower Hamlets Partnership	35. Consultation and Participation	Shazia Hussain/ Susan	Q2
	36. Local Management	Ritchie	Q2
	37. Partnership Support		Q2

## **Development and Renewal**

Service	Function	Lead Officer	Target completion month
Lettings	Choice-based lettings function	Rafiqul Haque	Q2
Estate Strategy	<ul> <li>2. Provision of Communal Estate Services:</li> <li>Estate caretaking</li> <li>Concierge services</li> <li>Procurement</li> </ul>	Bob Goodbody	Q3
Home Ownership	3. Service Charge & Arrears Collection	Barrie Tyson	Q2
Home Ownership	4. Leasehold Advice	Wumni Odusina	Q2
Home Ownership	5. Major works function (Timing dependent on completion of	Mithu Gosh	Q4
	the Issues and Options of the Core Strategy)		(dependent on LDF timing)
LHO SERVICES	6. New Tenant Service (sign up, settling in, Probationary tenancies)	Terry Damiano	Q2
RENTS (ALMO)	7. Arrears Recovery	Beverley Greenidge	Q2
RENTS (ALMO)	8. Rents Policy	Beverley Greenidge	Q2
RENTS (ALMO)	9. Tenancy Conditions	Tim Sherry	Q4
RENTS (ALMO)	10. Housing Policy function	Tim Sherry	Q2
RENTS (ALMO)	11. Older People's Decorating programme	Sue Lawrence	Q2
TECHNICAL SERVICES: REPAIRS (ALMO)	12. Repairs Help Centre	Keith Paulin	Q2
TECHNICAL SERVICES:REPAIRS (ALMO)	13. Responsive Repairs function	Peter Allen Bob Moorcraft	Q2

TECHNICAL SERVICES:REPAIRS (ALMO)	14. Repairs partnering contracts	Peter Allen Bob Moorcraft	Q4
TECHNICAL SERVICES:	15. Resident Consultation and Satisfaction	Richard Batchelor	Q2
	16. Contract Procurement	Richard Batchelor	Q4
	17. Contract Management	Richard Batchelor	Q3
(ALMO)	<ul> <li>18. Support and monitor development of new &amp; existing TRAs (currently including small grants)</li> <li>TRAs – smaller grant allocation</li> <li>Community groups – larger grant allocation</li> </ul>	Vicky Potticary	Q2
ALMO: Tenant Participation Resources:	19. Manage the Tenant Resource Centre	Vicky Potticary	Q2
Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability	20. Strategic Planning (Timing dependent on completion of the Issues and Options of the Core Strategy/LDF)	Jamie Ounan	Q2*
Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability	21. Access to Employment (function and service) Skillsmatch service	Sue Hinds	Q3
Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability	22. Strategic Housing	Jackie Odunoye	Q3
Major Project Development	23. Sustainable Housing Development	Jackie Odunoye	Q1
Major Project Development	24. Development Implementation	Anne-Marie Berni	Q2
Major Project Development	25. Strategic Transport Planning	Richard Finch	Q2
Major Project Development	26. Housing Regeneration	Niall McGowan	Q2
Major Project Development	27. Private Sector and Affordable Housing	Alison Thomas	Q2
Resources	28. Section 106 funding (Strategic Level EQIA)	Clare Wall	Q3
Development Control and Building Control	29. Applications (all major applications are required to submit EQIAs with plans so these come up as applications are submitted)	Stephen Irvine	Screening by Q2
Development Control and Building Control	30. Building Control – Enforcement	Peter Hamilton	Q2

Blackwall Trust	31. Functions	Matin Miah	Q2

#### **EQIA BREAKDOWN 2008/9**

	CE	CS	AS	R	CLC	R	TOTAL
Q1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Q2	1	0	0	1	7	21	30
Q3	10	14	15	16	19	5	79
Q4	1	15	0	0	10	4	30
TOTAL	12	29	15	17	37	31	141