

Community Engagement Task and Finish Group Terms of Reference

Scope and Purpose

The Community Engagement Task and Finish group has been set up following a Council motion. The motion agreed that the Council would:

“Establish a cross-party working group to work with local community groups and leaders to better understand and address community concerns.”

Objectives of the group

- To work together to mitigate community tensions.
- To understand concerns by facilitating constructive engagement with community groups and residents to ascertain their views and experiences.
- To work with community and voluntary groups to develop an enhanced programme of community engagement events and activities.
- To identify and learn from external speakers who have experience in community cohesion.
- To create a safe environment to discuss matters of concern and wellbeing, such as hate crime and personal safety.
- To encourage respectful participation in civic life and interaction between different community groups.
- To be open and transparent about the work and progress of the group and ensure frequent communication updates on cohesion related issues are shared.

Membership

- Cllr Sophie Porter (Chair)
- Cllr Craig Card
- Cllr Sue Carter
- Cllr Alex Crawford
- Cllr Halleh Koohestani
- Cllr Sarah Spall
- Cllr Stuart Trussler

Meetings

Frequency of meetings to be agreed.

Accountability

There is a budget of £50,000 to support this work.

The group will report back to the Council on the findings, progress and allocation of funding.