

COUNCIL MEETING – 12 SEPTEMBER 2013
Item 9 (i)

**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting
held on 25 June 2013**

E/13/25 Community Engagement Strategy - 2013 - 2016

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that set out the proposed Community Engagement Strategy (CES) 2013 – 2016 to be recommended for adoption by Council in September 2013.

Members were advised that the Strategy had been amended as it would be dated from June 2013 to the end of May 2016 and that the activity relating to vulnerable and minority groups had been rewritten to include gypsies and travellers.

In response to a question, the Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources confirmed that officers should inform the relevant Executive Member and relevant Ward Member of any area based issues that were taking place in their wards/towns or likely to impact upon them.

Reason for decision: To deliver greater added value to the Council's citizens by understanding their needs and issues, and give them greater involvement in the decision-making process and access to services.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the final draft of the Community Engagement Strategy 2013-16 be approved, as amended; and**
- 2. that the supporting policy statements be endorsed.**

RECOMMENDED to Council

that the strategy, as amended and its supporting policy statements be adopted.