1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 Year 11 pupils, who will be present at meeting, decided that they wanted to build community cohesion in Waltham Forest and provide a network of community ‘Safe Zones’ where young people could go should they feel they were in immediate danger. These are to be in shops, businesses and public buildings around the Borough. Where premises have agreed to be part of the scheme they are asked to display a logo visibly in their window and sign a contract agreeing to the main principles, outlined below. These ‘Safe Zones’ will be published on our website and pupils in school will be given a map showing where they are.

2. **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The campaign arose out of discussions around the issue of community safety in Waltham Forest which the students chose as a topic they felt very strongly about as part of their controlled assessment for GCSE Citizenship Studies. Willowfield students had previously begun work on the campaign in 2011 and this group sought to carry on with their work.

2.2 Premises which agree to be ‘Safe Zones’ agree to the following conditions-

1) You will ensure that if anyone asks for help they are welcomed to enter your premises.
2) You will ensure that the entrance to your premises is secure.
3) You will contact the police if necessary.
4) You will contact the victim’s parents/guardians, or allow the young person to use a telephone to do so.

2.3 Details of premises which have agreed to be ‘Safe Zones’ will be given at the meeting.

3. **CONCLUSION**

The committee is asked to note and discuss the scheme.