



Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 20th October 2016

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Safer & Stronger Communities Hate Crime Task Group –
Update Report

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Summary: To provide the scrutiny committee with a brief update following the first meeting of the Committee's Hate Crime task Group.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	X
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the contents of the report
- Contact the Policy & Improvement Officer if you have any further questions / require any additional information

Background Papers: n/a

Category of Report: OPEN

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1.1 Membership of the Hate Crime Task Group is as follows

- Cllr Tony Damms, Chair
- Cllr Michelle Cook
- Cllr Mark Jones
- Cllr Nasmina Akther
- Cllr Magid Magid
- Cllr Keith Davis
- Cllr Sue Auckland
- Cllr Richard Shaw

1.2 Officer support will be provided by:

- Diane Owens, Policy & Improvement Officer
- Julia Cayless, Safer Communities Team Leader
- Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support

1.3 The Task Group held its first meeting on 28th September 2016. The main focus of the meeting was to receive an introductory briefing on hate crime, to have time for questions and discussion and to agree the focus of the Task Groups review and next steps. The Task Group were also made aware of the Hate Crime Working Group that has been established by the Equality Hub Network.

1.4 Some of the areas of discussion at the first meeting included: under reporting, different people needing different mechanisms to report, data and how it's used, building trust in processes, outcomes and communication, low use of third party reporting centres.

1.5 The group agreed that the focus of their review would be reporting; the current working title is: *To understand the different ways hate crime can be reported in Sheffield and identify any areas where improvements could be made:*

1.6 The Task Group plan to have 3-4 evidence gathering sessions during October-November. One session will include engaging with the Equality Hub Network's Hate Crime Working Group and the group also plan to make contact with Third Party Reporting Centres.

1.7 The first evidence gathering session will be in mid-October and will include representatives from the Police and Stop Hate UK. A number of Task Group members will also be attending Sheffield's Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel as observers.

1.8 The Task Group also agreed that they would like to request that a brief update on hate crime come to each of the remaining meetings of the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee. The first report will come to the meeting on 20th October.

1.9 The plan is for the Task Group to present their final draft report to the full scrutiny committee for approval at its meeting on 16th February 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

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