

COUNCIL 13 JULY 2016

MOTION ON NOTICE – DIVERSE AND TOLERANT SOCIETY

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors David Smith, Karen Leytham and Sam Armstrong:-

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes of any description have no place in our country.

We at Lancaster City Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow such behaviour to become acceptable. We will work with other bodies, Community Safety Partnership, Communities together, Lancashire county council, Town and Parish councils to challenge such behaviour and prevent such crimes.

Lancaster City council wish to assure all of the Districts residents and visitors that they are valued members of our society.”

Officer briefing note:-

Community Leadership is one of the four priorities in the Council’s Corporate Plan. The Council is committed to bringing communities together and addressing the major issues affecting the district through working in partnership. The role of the council is summarised in the Corporate Plan and includes maintaining a cohesive community.

As a point of information for Members, Lancaster District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a collective of public, voluntary, community and private organisations who come together to do all that they can to make the district's communities safer. The CSP provides a co-ordinated response to community safety issues, drawing together organisations and people that can make a difference. Lancaster district CSP’s membership comprises:

- Lancaster City Council
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire County Council
- Lancashire Fire & Rescue Services
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Cumbria and Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation)
- Youth Offending Team
- North Lancashire CCG

Whilst hate crime isn’t one of the CSP’s current priorities, the Partnership receives information from the Constabulary on crime spikes and trends so it can review its priorities accordingly.

The Communities Together group has representation from many diverse religious and ethnic groups in the district as well as the community and voluntary sector, Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council, Lancaster University, University of Cumbria and Lancashire Constabulary.

Section 151 Officer’s comments:-

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

Monitoring Officer’s comments:-

The Monitoring Officer has prepared this briefing note in her role as Democratic Services Manager.