

Referral from Council: Review of Measures taken to counter Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crime

At the Council meeting on 13th July, a Motion relating to a diverse and tolerant society was considered and the Council made the following decisions. Resolution (3), in bold type, is for this committee to consider:-

(1) 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 wishes to assure all of the Districts residents and visitors that they are valued members of our society.

(2) That the statement above is displayed on the city council website, that it also directs residents to www.istreetwatch.co.uk for anonymous reporting of hate crime and that a press release is issued to publicise the motion.

(3) That Council recommends the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the current local and city council measures taken to counter racism, xenophobia, and hate crime and report back to Full Council as soon as practicable.

(4) That all councillors consider increasing their involvement with, and support for, those organisations which strengthen communities and increase tolerance and respect between peoples from different countries, cultures and faiths.