

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Stronger Communities:-

TUESDAY 11th JANUARY, 2022

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Dean	- Executive Cabinet Member – Stronger Communities
Councillor Jiva	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Veevers	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Brady	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Weatherby	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Allen	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms. E. Brook	- Assistant Director Strategy and Partnerships
Ms. H. Gorman	- Borough Solicitor
Mr. R. Martinez	- Head of Community Safety and Neighbourhoods
Ms. J. Pollard	- Head of Strategic Finance
Ms. S. Khan	- Community Safety Officer
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

9. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

10. HATE CRIME ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2021

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which provided information relating to the progress of activity contained within the hate crime action plan.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that in October, 2020 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) published the Greater Manchester's (GM) Plan to Tackle Hate Crime 2020-2023 and the Greater Manchester Hate Crime Working Group, set up with Local Authority and Police hate crime leads and working in partnership with GMCA, would deliver the three year plan. It was stated that the plan would also link into other existing plans and strategies to support the delivery of joint key actions and would respond to changing local, national and international circumstances, to reflect the impact of these on localised communities and service provision.

The Executive Cabinet Member was also informed that each local authority continued to deliver against localised action plans to ensure specific hate crime issues within the area were addressed appropriately.

Furthermore, following the Hate Crime report to the Executive Cabinet Member in April, 2021 it was recommended that a further progress report be provided with an update on the key work areas of the hate crime action plan relating to the ongoing hate crime work in Bolton.

In view of the above, the report provided information in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- Hate Crime Data;

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- Using a co-ordinated campaign across GM that raised awareness of hate crime;
- Hate Crime Awareness Week and Grants Programme;
- Social Media Campaign;
- Information leaflets and promotional materials;
- The Youth Independent Advisory Group;
- Referring to appropriate support for victims;
- Providing a range of reporting mechanisms for victims of hate;
- The work being undertaken by the Crime Prosecution Service Bolton Early Intervention Hate Crime Pilot and Involvement Panels;
- Raising awareness of what constitutes a hate crime;
- Development of Hate Crime App by Stop Hate UK funded by GMP;
- Live chat service provided by GMP;
- Providing regular support to promote third-party reporting;
- Building cohesive and resilient communities, including online communities, where hate crime and discrimination were not tolerated;
- Promoting education and awareness of hate crime, its impact and how to access support;
- Exploring effective and safe ways to challenge hate when it took place; and
- Taking positive action to scope rehabilitation programmes for offenders to change behaviours, including the use of Restorative Justice – Victim Awareness Sessions Pilot.

In terms of the financial implications, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that, in supporting the localised plan for hate crime, each local authority had received £10,500 from GMCA to assist the delivery of activity and promotion to raise awareness of hate crime.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the progress made by the hate crime steering group in delivery activity related to the hate crime action plan.

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