

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES**

20 May 2015

Review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the scope of a review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services.

2 Information

Subject to the Committee at this meeting agreeing a number of reviews for its work programme, the Committee is invited to consider the scope of a review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services.

The Derby and Derbyshire Hate Crime Steering Group has developed a Partnership Hate Crime Strategy. The objective of the review will be to provide pre-decision scrutiny that will contribute to the effective delivery of this strategy.

In particular the review will scrutinise and contribute to:

- The development of a communications plan to raise awareness of hate crime and to promote the reporting of hate crime incidents. This is in light of a significant fall in the number of incidents reported in Derbyshire last year and a low level of referrals to Victim Support.
- Work to map existing services for hate crime victims, to identify the needs of service users and specify the shape of future provision. This information will ultimately be available to help inform the Police and Crime Commissioner prior to commissioning Universal Services for victims in 2016.

Evidence will be gathered from numerous sources, including;

- The Derby and Derbyshire Hate Crime Steering Group,
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner,
- Victims of hate crime,
- Victim Support,
- StopHate UK.
- Signposting centres in Derbyshire,
- Voluntary groups and other organisations providing hate crime services,
- DCC Community Safety Manager,

- Cabinet Member for Health and Communities,
- Strategic Director Health and Communities

The review will be completed by November 2015.

A working group will be appointed by this Committee to undertake the review and submit progress reports and a final report to the full Committee at the conclusion of the review.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, human relations, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Officer's Recommendations

The Committee is requested to;

- (1) Agree the scope of the review of the Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services and;
- (2) Appoint Members of the Committee to the review working group.

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