

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND STRATEGY STATEMENT FOR TACKLING HATE

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to present the attached amended Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Strategy Statement for Tackling Hate **(Appendix A)**.
2. This statement together with its Action Plans and the Communication Strategy have been developed in partnership with Leicestershire County Council, the county's seven District and Borough Councils, Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and Leicestershire Police in order to ensure that all partners deliver a consistent approach to tackling hate incidents and crimes across LLR.

Background

3. At the last meeting, the Action Plans and Communication Strategy were agreed by the Board. Following discussion about the wording of the Strategy Statement, the Board requested the following amendments.
 - To make it clear that there is an additional hate crime category in use in LLR and that the Strategy Statement was aligned with the Communications Strategy.
 - To strengthen the Strategy Statement making it more ambitious in its vision and aims of creating a tolerant society where differences are accepted and valued.
4. The Board also requested that clarification be given on the legal status of the Strategy Statement.

Key Partnership Matters

5. Under point 2.2 of the LLR Hate Strategy Statement, the additional hate crime category in use in LLR has been clearly outlined.
6. Under point 3, the vision statement has been strengthened and now includes the partnerships ambitions to create a tolerant society.

7. Regarding the legal status of the Strategy Statement the relevant guidance on the requirement to produce a strategy is detailed within Section 6 and 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

Performance Monitoring

8. Accountability for the monitoring of this strategy and action plan will be held by the LLR Senior Officer Group and the LLR ASB and Hate Strategy Group.
9. Delivery of the LLR Action Plan will be through the Hate and Prevent Delivery Group.
10. Update reports on the action plan will be provided to the local Community Safety Partnerships across LLR and the LLR Senior Officer Group.

Recommendations for the Board

11. It is recommended that the Board:
 - a. Agree the amended LLR Strategy Statement for Tackling Hate, **Appendix A.**
 - b. Agree the performance monitoring mechanism set out in paragraphs 8 -10 of this report.

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