

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: HATE CRIMES AND INCIDENTS

Strategy and Delivery Plan

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to present the attached amended Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Strategy Statement for Tackling Hate (Appendix A) and the Delivery Plan (Appendix B).
2. This statement together with the Delivery Plan have been developed in partnership with Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire County Council, representatives from the Districts and Boroughs, Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council, in order to ensure consistency for victims in the partnership approach to tackling hate incidents and crimes across LLR.

Notable developments and challenges:

3. The work on Hate Crimes and Incidents was previously officer led through the Community Safety Team at Leicestershire County Council and the Hate Delivery Group. Although this was a well attended group it struggled to influence change effectively due to a lack of governance arrangements.
4. A new Hate Strategic Group chaired by ACC Debenham of Leicestershire Police took shape recently with representation from LLR on it. This group will meet quarterly and have tasked a Working Group at a tactical level to lead on and develop work focused on Victims Perspective, Performance and Training. Representation on this group is welcomed from District and Borough CST.
5. Accountability for the monitoring of this strategy and delivery plan will be held by the LLR Senior Officer Group, LSCSB and the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), ensuring the work is effective in supporting victims and raising awareness.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

6. The proposal is that all partners adopt the LLR Hate Strategy Statement and that CSPs lead the work to deliver the Delivery Plan outcomes at the locality.

7. There is no assumption that CSPs should adopt the Delivery Plan in its current format, but rather CSPs assess what will work best within their locality; this may be to incorporate hate priorities into existing delivery plans.

Issues in local areas

8. There is no assumption that all CSPs should adopt the same outcomes across Leicestershire within their Delivery Plans. Local data and intelligence will drive local need and priorities.

Recommendations for the Board

9. It is recommended that the Board:
 - a. Agree the amended LLR Strategy Statement for Tackling Hate, Appendix A.
 - b. Agree an approach to adopt the Delivery Plan within each CSP, Appendix B.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Hate Strategy
Appendix B – Proposed Hate Template for Delivery Plan 2021-23