



## COUNCIL - 19TH JULY 2016

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - HATE CRIMES**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 3 of the Report, and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor R. Saralis and is supported by Councillors J.E. Fussell and N. Dix.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Council for consideration.

### **3. REPORT**

- 3.1 Councillors R. Saralis, J.E. Fussell and N. Dix request in their Notice of Motion that it be announced that:-

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community."

- 3.2 The following information is provided by the Members in support of their Notice of Motion.

Reasons for the Motion:

We are concerned about the recently reported rise of racist and xenophobic incidents and hate crimes.

**4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The report deals with an issue that raises equalities issues, but there are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are financial implications associated with this report.

**6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are personnel implications associated with this report.

**7. CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3.1 above.

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