



**SaferMK Partnership
Discussion and Decision Report**

Subject: Hate Crime in Milton Keynes

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1. Purpose of report – Please mark (X) the boxes that are relevant to the report

SAFERMK PRIORITIES

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| Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reducing the number of violent incidences | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tackling and enforcing substance misuse | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

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| Anti-Social Behaviour | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Reducing Re-offending | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prevent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Police and Crime Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An item under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 that supports the delivery of crime reduction and addressing community safety concerns (please state below) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Brief introduction

The Government has recently published its Hate Crime Action Plan which sets out the government's plan of actions to deal with hate crime until May 2020. It applies to England and Wales and outlines actions the government will take to:

- prevent and respond to hate crime
- Increase reporting of hate crime incidents

- improve support for victims
- build an understanding of hate crime

2.2 There has been a reported rise in hate crime reporting since the European Referendum in June 2016.

2.3 To receive a presentation on hate crime in Milton Keynes post the EU referendum and to discuss and agree the Partnership position on managing hate crime cases

3. Recommendations

3.1. To note the presentation and provide feedback

3.2. To agree and endorse a Partnership approach to Preventing and reducing Hate Crime in Milton Keynes

4. Comments/Recommendations from the Scrutiny Management Committee

There are no specific comments from the Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to this report. However it is a statutory obligation for the Committee to hold the activities and performance of the Partnership to account.

On the 13 July 2016, following incidents in Milton Keynes and reports of an increase in racial incidents nationally, the Council resolved to make Milton Keynes a place where people are welcomed, diversity celebrated and integration promoted and condemned hate incidents and crimes.

The Cabinet shares the Council's pride in the diverse and tolerant community, agreeing that we do not have a benign or passive role, but must actively promote what binds people together. The Cabinet's Anti-Hate Crime Strategy has three focuses.

- Understanding hate incidents and working with partners
- Promoting reporting
- Supporting awareness and victims

5. Background

5.1. A hate crime or incident has the following definition:

'Any crime or incident which is perceived by the victim, or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice, based on a person's real or presumed religion, sexual orientation, race, gender identity or disability'.

5.2. Since the EU referendum it has been widely reported that hate Crime has increased nationally

- 5.3. **To report hate crime** contact Thames Valley Police telephone: 101, in a non- emergency, or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively, report a non-emergency crime or incident to Thames Valley Police online.
- 5.4. There is an independent number in Milton Keynes: **The Anti-Hate Crime Network** can be called on 01908 606828 or A national line is 0300 1234 148

6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement

- 6.1. Hate crime can have a devastating impact on victims, which can reduce them to living in fear of the perpetrator. Because of this, or other reasons, victims or witnesses may feel unable to speak to the police, and we need to ensure that all partners and community organisations understand the role they can play in reducing and preventing hate crime

7. Attachments/Background Papers

- 7.1. The New Government Hate Crime action plan 2016 can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hate-crime-action-plan-2016>