

MINOR REVIEW II - SCOPING REPORT

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to agree a topic to be reviewed by the Committee in 2017/18.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

Officers provide a scoping report for the Committee that addresses Members' main concerns and puts forward an effective plan for the review. Members can chose to accept this scoping report or make relevant changes.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE

It is recommended that the Committee comment on and note the "Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic Bullying" scoping report.

INFORMATION

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the Administration and Finance area of the Council. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda. These are primarily strategic policy and internal functions such as finance, property, personnel, democratic services, legal services, ICT, economic development, as well as equalities and diversity.
2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a work programme agreed at the start of the Council year. Similarly, focusing upon one or two items at each meeting can help Members engage with the major issues and encourage stakeholder engagement.
3. At the Committee meeting held on 11 April 2017, Members discussed potential topics for a review. These were discussed with officers, who provided feedback on the potential review topics, and it was agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2017 that the Committee would carry out two minor reviews in 2017/18.
4. At the meeting on 25 July 2017, a representative from Stonewall spoke to the Committee regarding homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. The Committee agreed that this presentation raised questions which required further investigation as it would affect several thousand young people within the Borough, and it was proposed that a minor review could take place to achieve this. Officers later confirmed that this could take place as the Committee's second minor review of 2017/18.