

# 'HOMOPHOBIC, BIPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC BULLYING' REVIEW

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## REASON FOR ITEM

The Committee confirmed its minor review on the topic of Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic Bullying, and requested witness sessions to hear evidence regarding the review.

## OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

**The Committee is asked to listen to the witness session, note the evidence, and progress the review to the next stage.**

## BACKGROUND

- At the Committee meeting on 21 September 2017, a scoping report outlining potential terms of reference, witness testimonies and lines of enquiry were agreed, and a review into Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic Bullying was confirmed.
- At this meeting, Members can discuss further information on the review using the terms of reference that were set at the last meeting:
  1. *To examine how the Council services, schools, and other relevant departments identify and support those who are experiencing, or have experienced, homophobic, biphobic or transphobic bullying.*
  2. *To examine relevant work by this Council, other Councils, and voluntary sectors to identify opportunities and methods to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in support of the Council's wider equality objectives and the aims of the review.*
  3. *To make practical, prudent recommendations to Cabinet (and other bodies if applicable) from the Committee's findings to support residents experiencing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, and reduce instances of bullying within the Borough.*
- Ms Sarah Rose, Senior Account Manager at Stonewall, will be in attendance at the meeting, and Mr Colin Tucker, Headteacher of Ryefield Primary School, will also attend to discuss his experiences of the issue in schools with the Committee.