

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council date 11 July 2016



Tackling racism, xenophobia and hate crimes

- Plymouth City Council states that we are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and all hate crimes have no place in our city. This Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes absolutely unequivocally. It is our duty to provide leadership to the city and we will never allow any form of hate crime to become acceptable.
- Plymouth City Council will work to ensure local programmes, organisations and individuals have support and the necessary resources to fight and prevent racism, xenophobia and crimes of hatred.
- We send a message of friendship and support to all people living in Plymouth, wherever they were born, whoever they may be, and further state that they are valued members of our community.

The City Council agrees to –

- (1) Request the Chief Executive to issue this statement as forcefully as possible in all forms and in all outlets available to us.
- (2) Request the Chief Executive to actively engage with all partners and stakeholders on this issue to send this message to the widest possible audience in Plymouth.
- (3) Request the Chief Executive ensures all Councillors and staff have the necessary training to ensure they are able to inform residents and partners how to report hate crimes and how to access support.
- (4) Request that the Chief Executive ensures all Councillors are aware of the schedule of Citizenship ceremonies and investigate appropriate measures to enable Councillors to attend ceremonies in order to welcome new citizens to the city.

Proposed by Councillor P Davey

Seconded by Councillor Morris

Dated 1 July 2016