Motion on Notice from Councillor M Eyles

Liberal Democrat Councillors have been contacted and asked by residents to propose a motion with regard to the recent reported upsurge in hate crimes.

Since we agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments the Liberal Democrat group is pleased to propose the motion:

"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."

We have also been asked to publicly condemn any such attacks and make it clear what steps the council will take to tackle this unacceptable behaviour. We do so willingly and will support the Executive, as the ruling body of our council, with any steps it takes in this matter.

Signed by and delivered by email:

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