Crime and Disorder Select Committee Chair's Update – September 2018

Scrutiny Review – Hate Crime	
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee received an introductory presentation at their meeting in April and approved the scope and project plan for the review.
	The overall aim is to increase awareness and understanding for hate crime issues, seek to build confidence within communities and increase reporting. The review will also explore restorative justice programmes and partnership working arrangements.
	The Committee will be exploring the following key lines of enquiry:
	 What measures and processes do SBC and its partners have in place to raise awareness amongst key agencies and the wider communities to identify and tackle hate crime? How well are the key agencies working together? How do we measure the effectiveness of activities to raise awareness and provide support? Do we benchmark performance? Are the current priorities and measures in the Hate Crime Action Plan appropriate? How hate crime is recorded and what are the reasons for under-reporting? What is the reported incidence of hate crime in the Borough compared with other areas and is there correlation with numbers of minority groups? What support is needed to encourage victims to report incidences of hate crime? What is the impact of hate crime? What is the role and impact of social media? Why do hate crimes occur and how can hate crime be prevented? What is third party reporting?
	The Committee have received evidence from the police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Hate Crime Group, Catalyst and Victim Care and Advice.
	The September meeting will be hearing from various groups providing support for people with protected characteristics.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Evidence on work in schools.
On track – yes / no	Yes
	This review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in March 2019.

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Wonitoring
There have been no further progress updates presented to the Committee since the last meeting.

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