

**Report of the Director**

**PRESENTATION BY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RIGHTS AND EQUALITY COUNCIL**

**1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by the Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council (NREC).
- 1.2 The presentation relates to the work NREC carries out in the borough in support of the council's priorities.

**2 Executive summary**

None.

**3 Appendices**

None.

**4 Proposed action:**

- 4.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to note the presentation, and;**
- 4.2 The committee is invited to discuss issues relating to the work of NREC and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.**

**5 Background**

This presentation forms part of the general programme for the Partnerships and Performance Committee, reviewing the work of partners.

**6 Discussion**

- 6.1 The committee receives presentations from organisations who are either funded by the council, or who play an important part in the life of the borough.
- 6.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the organisation and its impact on the borough. After the presentation there is a chance to ask questions of the presenter.
- 6.3 If any items of significance arise, members may wish to request a further report from a relevant officer or make a recommendation for action by a policy committee.
- 6.4 The council has a contract with NREC as part of the current voluntary sector funding arrangements, to provide advice and support for victims of discrimination, including recognising and reporting hate crime. It also provides for support to organisations to help to reduce discriminatory practices. The contract has a value of £15,000 per annum and runs from April 2018 to March 2020.

## **7 Legal powers**

The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. Whilst the council no longer has a designated overview and scrutiny committee, the Partnerships and Performance Committee has been given the role of reviewing and monitoring the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies. A local authority may invite persons other than members or officers of the authority to attend meetings of such a committee.

## **8 Financial and value for money implications**

There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective review is one of the means by which the council secures effective use of its resources.

## **9 Risk analysis**

A risk table is usually completed for any report setting out a proposed course of action that entails risks at the outset of the project or if the risks change along the way. This is not relevant in respect of this report.

## **10 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities**

There are no direct implications arising directly from this report.

## **11 Author and contact officer**

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## **12 Consultees**

None.

## **13 Background papers**

There are no background papers to this report.