

10. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HATE CRIME CONSULTATION

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services advising of a Scottish Government consultation on consolidating all Scottish hate crime legislation into one new hate crime statute including the expansion of the current statutory aggravations.

The Scottish Government appointed Lord Bracadale to conduct an independent review of Hate Crime Legislation in Scotland. The report was published in May 2018 and considered a number of themes which were outlined in the report.

The Scottish Government responded to the publication of the independent review of hate crime legislation recommendations by consolidating all Scottish hate crime legislation into one new statute and committed to consult on the detail of what would be included in the new hate crime bill.

To ensure the response from the council to the consultation was as comprehensive as possible, officers from across the council worked collaboratively on a proposed response.

A copy of the consultation documents along with the proposed response was attached to the report as a series of appendices.

The Council Executive was invited to approve the consultation response as set out in the appendix to the report which had to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 24 February 2019.

Decision

1. To approve the terms of the report and the proposed consultation response; and
2. To agree that in the response to Question 8 reference was also to be included to “misandry”.