

SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO EXAMINE ISSUES EXPERIENCED BY BAME COMMUNITIES IN ACCESSING COUNCIL SERVICES

Terms of Reference

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Purpose

To make recommendations to the Committee to inform the development of initiatives that examine barriers experienced by BAME communities in accessing council services.

Scope

Using a combination of reviewing good practice and learning from elsewhere, discussions with expert witnesses, research, analysis of data, and interviews with councillors, develop proposals that:

- To develop a clear understanding of the findings of these reports as they relate to our own BAME communities, to ensure this disproportionality is not experienced in other factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and social mobility of our BAME residents
- To examine ways in which council services are accessed by, and made available to, all of our residents, to ensure that our BAME residents are not disadvantaged or prevented from accessing those services
- To examine key council service data to build an understanding of the ways in which BAME residents are impacted, positively or negatively, by council services examine the opportunities for our residents provided by the council for improving social mobility, to ensure that our BAME residents enjoy the same levels of access as others

Reporting

The Scrutiny Task and Finish group will report to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

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