

# QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF FAR RIGHT HATE GROUPS IN THANET

Council	<b>07 September 2017</b>
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Portfolio Holder	<b>Cllr Wells, Leader of Council</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>All Wards</b>

## Executive Summary:

The Leader of Council will receive a question from Ms Fiona Crawford, a member of the public in relation to the presence of Far Right hate groups in Thanet.

## Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

## CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
<b>Legal</b>	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
<b>Corporate</b>	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p>

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Wells, the Leader of Council has been received from Ms Fiona Crawford, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

"Will this council condemn the presence of Far Right hate groups in Thanet? The White Lives Matter march last year in Margate -which enabled people to talk blatantly about eugenics outside the Turner Contemporary and the planned Britain First Rally on the 14th October cannot be acceptable in our area."

- 1.2 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.6, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.
- 1.4 The total time devoted to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

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## Annex List

None	N/A
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## Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

## Corporate Consultation

<b>Finance</b>	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
<b>Legal</b>	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer