

Tackling Racism Taskforce

A public summary of the Tackling Racism Taskforce's meeting held on 26 June 2020.

The Tackling Racism Working Party held its first meeting on 26 June 2020, co-chaired by Caroline Addy and Andrien Meyers.

Its first decision was to rename itself as the Tackling Racism Taskforce to show its commitment to act quickly, radically and with determination.

The Tackling Racism Taskforce agreed to structure its workstreams around the following themes:-

- Staffing
- Internal governance
- Education
- Police
- Business
- Culture
- Health & Wellbeing

There was a wide-ranging discussion that centred around the 7 workstreams listed above, and it was agreed that, going forward, each meeting would focus on a particular theme. The next meeting, in a fortnight's time, will focus on the impact of racism on the City Corporation's own staff.

In the lead-up to the next meeting, the Co-Chairs will attend and listen to the thoughts and concerns of the BAME Staff Network at its next meeting. Work will also be undertaken to:-

- provide the Taskforce with information about policies and initiatives already in place at the City Corporation to support and develop our BAME staff,
- define what the Taskforce means by 'racism', and
- review the recommendations of the Members Diversity Working Party, previously considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, which sought to improve the diversity of Members of the Court of Common Council.

In addition, the Taskforce discussed the importance of including external expertise and advice to the group on tackling racism.

The Taskforce has committed to working at pace, meeting fortnightly, to develop recommendations around the 7 workstreams for consideration by the Policy & Resources and the Establishment Committees.

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