

Tackling Racism Taskforce

A public summary of the Tackling Racism Taskforce's meeting held on 2 October 2020.

The Tackling Racism Taskforce held its sixth meeting on 2 October 2020 with a focus on **policing**. The Assistant Commissioner of the City of London Police presented to Members initiatives in regards to diversifying the force, engaging with BAME communities, as well as statistics around Stop and Search.

The Taskforce heard how work had been undertaken in the recruitment, retention and training of police officers to ensure that the Force was attracting under-represented groups. New initiatives had also been brought in for current staff, such as reverse mentoring, job shadowing and bespoke development plans.

In addition, there was focus on statistics around complaints as well as the diversity of scrutiny and oversight bodies of the City of London Police. Members discussed how the proportion of BAME individuals in London stood at around 44% and the Assistant Commissioner explained that it would take the CoLP 10 to 15 years to match this in its own Force.

Many questions were asked around community engagement and especially the Force's relationship with young people and BAME Communities. There was also discussion around the figures on Stop and Search and particularly, the 36% who had not declared their ethnicity when surveyed. It was explained by another Taskforce Member that a large number of the non-declared 36% were perceived to be black.

The Co-Chair thanked the Assistant Commissioner for his time and asked that for the next meeting regarding policing, he produce a report that covers:-

- Statistics on diversity of scrutiny and oversight boards
- Details on initiatives around recruitment, retention and training
- Details on initiatives around community engagement, including links with BAME community
- An articulation of the outcomes the CoLP are wishing to have as a result of this work.

The Taskforce also discussed the Charter for Black Talent in Finance and the Professions and it agreed to recommend that the City Corporation publicly support the Charter.

Finally, a presentation was given to the Taskforce on a new initiative to look at providing a digital platform on the City's links with the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The next meeting of the Taskforce will consider areas connected to its workstream on education.

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