

Devon County Council Agreed Motion, DCC Full Council meeting 1st October 2020.

1. Proposed by Claire Wright, amended by John Hart and passed.

That Council be recommended to:

- (a) Support Members to continue to find and take opportunities to promote and celebrate the role and work in Devon by BAME people past and present;
- (b) Support all Members to continue to engage with all residents of Devon including BAME people and organisations;
- (c) Note that the street names etc are the responsibility of District Councils, however, should the County Council be involved in any such processes, the LGA guidance will be followed;
- (d) Remind schools, settings, DCC Babcock LDP of the Equality Act 2010, Public Equality Duties and how they can heighten awareness arising from the Black Lives Matters movement as an opportunity to review and publish their objective(s) in respect of racial equality and inclusion;
- e) Write to the Secretary of State for Education urging him to encourage schools to:
 - Capture the voice of children and young people and their responses to the Black Lives Matter movement;
 - Ensure that the school environment and curriculum allows all students to see themselves reflected and included;
 - Reflect on how they challenge historic and persisting racist ideas and to how they celebrate diversity.

2. Proposed by Alan Connett, amended by John Hart and passed.

That Council will:

- (a) Support current and planned activities which help to:
 - Enable everyone in Devon to participate in, and contribute, to its society, economy, and communities;
 - Remove barriers; and
 - Tackle prejudice and inequalities.
- (b) Request a peer challenge, based on the LGA “Local Government Equality Framework’.
- (c) Encourage all mechanisms that would increase of the diversity of Councillors.
- (d) Support all Members to continue to actively engage with all residents of Devon including BAME people and organisations;
- (e) Provide advice and support to schools on how they can support students understanding of BAME experiences, their history and contributions; and
- (f) Notes that Members’ Locality Budget Fund can be used to support the diverse needs of all local communities.