

**AT A MEETING of the POLICE AND CRIME PANEL held in Committee Room 3, Southampton City Council.**

**204. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

The Chairman read to the meeting a response to the Panel's reply to a previous public question:

*"Many thanks to you and your team for such a comprehensive and informative response to the concern which I raised. I do appreciate the effort which you have put into this. The linked documents regarding the scrutiny work and evidence made interesting reading, as well as making it clear that all forms of hate crime including crime based on sexuality certainly is very much on your agenda.*

*Hate crime clearly a controversial area in policing policy, and the recent frank comments from Olivia Pinkney have highlighted the dilemma faced by the police in an era of tight funding. The statistics in the evidence make worrying reading. It is interesting but depressing to note that race hate crime is 5 times more prevalent than any other form of hate crime, depressing because has been a recognised crime for far longer than all the other forms of hate crime - though of course that might possibly also mean that victims of racism feel more inclined to report it. Anyway, I am sure we could debate the relative statistics all day, but the main point is that I am reassured that you and the PCC do clearly have the interests of the LGBT community on your agenda. Thank you for that.*

*I would also add that it is good to see the LAGLO vehicle(s) not only at pride events, but also at rural events such as the New Forest Show."*