

Time commenced : 6.30 pm
Time finished : 8.35 pm

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 DECEMBER 2004

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**
Councillor Fay Winter (Chair)
Councillor Ann Jackman

Council Officers

Shahid Ashrif - Housing Equalities Advisor, Derby Homes
Frances Regan - Communicable Disease Control Officer,
Health and Safety Team
Sharon Squires - Director, Derby Community Safety
Partnership

Council Advisor

Pam Thompson - Consultation Support Officer, Community
Policy

Community Representatives

Susan Boon	Osmaston Community Panel
Shirley Howard	BMEHG
Arshia Iqbal	Individual
Nasreen Iqbal	Individual
Naranjan Lalria	Individual
Angela Neill	Individual
Dr Chandra Sayal	Individual
Irene Shiels	Individual

24/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suman Gupta, Lisa Higginbottom, Pauline Latham, Ann MacDonald, Janice Platt and Sue Preedy,

25/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair accepted a report from Shirley Howard on the Community Awards EID Ceremony. The Chair also read out a letter from Phil Barefoot who would like to give a presentation to the Committee in January 2005 on the Derby Physical Activity Strategy. Further to minute 20/04, a copy of the Council Cabinet report and minute extract from 9 November 2004 on 'Affordable Childcare in the City – response to the Women's Advisory Committee, was circulated.

26/04 Declarations of Interest

None.

27/04 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Latham's apology for absence.

28/04 Racial Harassment Complaints received by Derby Homes

Shahid Ashrif, Housing Equalities Advisor, Derby Homes, presented a report on racial harassment complaints received by Derby Homes from 1 April 2003 to 1 April 2004. It was noted that an annual report would be submitted to the Committee in the future. Mr Ashrif explained how the procedure for handling complaints by Derby Homes Tenants worked. All complaints for harassment, whether on the basis of race, gender, sexuality, age, HIV and religion were recorded.

In total nineteen complaints of racial harassment had been received in the period covered by the report and brief details of the complaints and outcomes were noted.

Discussion took place on Police involvement, including the future impact of Community Support Officers, although it was noted that only nine would be deployed in Derby.

It was noted that victims of harassment often asked to be re-located and re-location funding was available to support them.

It was also noted that the majority of perpetrators were young people and a way of tackling this problem would be through formal and community education.

Resolved to note the report.

29/04 Hands on Hands Initiative and Healthy Living

Frances Regan, Communicable Disease Control Officer, presented a briefing note on the Hands on Hands initiative. The initiative aimed to educate parents and children on how to reduce the risk of young children contracting and spreading infectious disease.

The initiative was aimed directly at those who were at greater risk due to their vulnerability, experience of poverty or social exclusion. The project had been very well received and evaluation had been very positive. Statistics for 2004 showed cases of infectious disease down on last year.

Hands on Hand initiative continued to be part of the Safety First Schools Roadshow, which is a multi-agency safety event for 10-11 year olds.

Resolved to note the report.

30/04 Community Safety Strategy Development for the next three years

Sharon Squires, Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership, gave a presentation on the 2004 Crime Audit for Derby.

The presentation contained the following information:

- Crime statistics
- Link between drugs and crime
- Under-reporting in domestic violence and hate crime
- Crime hotspots in the City
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Drug and alcohol misuse, problems with shortage of GP's willing to prescribe Methadone in the City
- Youth Offending
- Strategies for reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and drug and alcohol misuse

Positive aspects of the audit were that Derby had been perceived as a relatively safe place to live and 75% of survey respondents viewed their neighbourhood as a very good or good place to live.

It was noted that crime had increased as a result of longer drinking hours but the Partnership were currently lobbying the Council on this issue in advance of the Council becoming responsible for liquor licensing,

Resolved to note the report.

31/04 International Women's Day

Pam Thompson, Consultation Support Officer, distributed a proposed programme for the International Women's Day on 5 March 2005. It was noted that the proposals were subject to finance being secured and that the event had to be costed.

The Committee suggested that the following organisations/people be approached:

Warburton's
British Heart Foundation
Sound Bites – Worker's Co-operative
Frances Regan

It was hoped that a celebrity chef or lifestyle guru would be present.

Resolved to:

1. **note the report.**

- 2. note that the next meeting of the working group would be held on Monday 10 January 2005 at 7.00pm.**

32/04 Forward Plan

The Committee identified the following items on the December 2004 Forward Plan, for consideration at a future meeting:

- 205/02 Grants to Sports and Community Groups
- 64/04 Supplementary Language Classes
- 150/03 Vision for Children's Centres
- 15/04 Agreement on the outcome of the consultation on restructuring the Special Educational Needs Support Service - SENSS
- 5/04 CityScape Masterplan
- 22/04 To approve the outline policy for the Derby Joint Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, LTP2
- 27/04 Policy and set of actions which aim to achieve tobacco smoke free status in all enclosed public buildings in the City
- 47/04 Anti-Social Behaviour Powers
- 53/04 Black and Minority Ethnic Housing Strategy

33/04 Work Programme

The Committee noted the latest work programme. It was noted that a number of items selected from the December Forward Plan were already in the programme.

34/04 Freedom of Information

The Committee noted the Council's Freedom of Information Act Policy.

35/04 Late items

i) Community Awards EID Ceremony

The Panel considered a report by Shirley Howard on the event held at the Pakistani Community Centre on 21 November 2004. She felt that the event was badly publicised and was concerned that women were segregated at the rear of the hall and could not see the stage properly.

Resolved to pass on the comments to the event organisers

ii) Presentation on Derby Physical Activity Strategy

Resolved to invite Phil Barefoot to a future meeting.

36/04 Date of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the Women's Advisory Committee would next meet on Tuesday 1 February 2005 at 6.30 pm.

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