



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**DISABLED PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

## **International Day of Disabled People – 3 December**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To set up a working group to plan this year's International Day of Disabled People.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The International Day of Disabled People is celebrated throughout the World on 3 December every year. The 'day' was originally launched in 1992 at the United Nations General Assembly. The previous ten years - from 1983 to 1992 - had been the Decade of Disabled People and so to mark the end of this period a resolution was passed creating the International Day of Disabled People. In Europe, we often refer to the day as European Day of Disabled People as this was created in response to the International Day of Disabled People.
- 2.2 The aims of the day include involving disabled people in celebrating experiences and expertise and raising awareness of disability equality issues. It also involves promoting the human rights of all disabled people.
- 2.3 For many years now, the Council and this committee has organised very successful events to celebrate the International Day of Disabled People. Some previous events include, launching this committee in 1997, holding an exhibition of stands concerned with disability information in Copecastle Square, in the Eagle Centre, holding the Ready to Go road show hosted by Pavilion Motors, organising a twinning event in Osnabruck, and having a Disability Discrimination Act awareness event combined with the launch of the No Limits website, hosted by Marks and Spencer. We have our own banner to display at these events to publicise the committee and the day.
- 2.4 To make sure our celebrations are successful, it is important to set up a working group to plan this year's event early. So, nominations are needed from members of the committee to sit on the working group. As yet, we do not know what the European theme will be, but it should be announced shortly.

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**Background papers:** Folder on International Day of Disabled People

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 Funding for the event usually comes out of existing budgets and also sponsorship by various organisations.

**Legal**

- 2.1 In December 2006, the new Disability Discrimination Act 2005 comes into force and introduces a new Disability Equality Duty for public sector organisations. One of the aims of the new duty is to promote disability equality and so marking International Day of Disabled People on 3 December 2006, will be an ideal way to demonstrate our commitment to equality for disabled people.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 The Equality Standard Project Manager and the Access Officer will co-ordinate the event together with the working group from this committee. .

**Equalities impact**

- 4.1 The International Day of Disabled People is all about equality for disabled people and so any impact has got to be a positive one.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.1 Celebrating International Day of Disabled People comes under the Council's objectives of providing:

- healthy, safe and independent communities
- a diverse, attractive and healthy environment.

- 5.2 The event will also help with the Council's priorities of:

- working towards modernised social care
- working towards improving customer service, in the city and locally
- working in partnership to achieve socially cohesive communities.