

MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 28 JANUARY 2010

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**
Councillor Naitta (Chair)
Councillor Shanker

Representing Communities

Nasreen Iqbal – Pakistan Community
Ferid Kevric – Derby Bosnian-Herzegovina Community Association
Joe Kupranec – Ukranian Cultural Centre
Irka Wolociuha – Ukranian Cultural Centre
John Pearson – Derby Irish Association
Tony Walsh – Derby Irish Association
Zbigniew Wojcik – Eastern European Migrants Advocacy Committee
Hazel Simpson – Black Parent Forum & Family Action
Saloomah Ghauami – Persian Cultural Association
Tahir Mahmood – Persian Cultural Association
Farhad Neghipooran – Persian Cultural Association
Ajit Singh Gill – Indian Community Centre Association
Angela Mighty – DWICA
Lloyd Newby - DWICA
Towana Graham – Derby REC

Council and Other Officers

Rajesh Lall – Derby City Council
Ann Webster – Derby City Council
Perveez Sadiq – Derby City Council
Laura Butler – Derby City Council
Laura Braithwaite – Derby City Council
Dave Brown – Derby City Council
Sheila Downey – Adult Social Care
Ilona Navickiene – NCISE
Ann Watts – DRAC
Kate Taylor – Business Link
Kerry Bailey – Business Link

43/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, R Khan and Dhindsa, Nezrine Hudson, George Mighty, Kirit Mistry, Father Tim O'Sullivan, Shirley Howard-Johnson,

44/09 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

Ann Webster presented the Forum with a Derby Live Race Equality Action Plan that required finalising prior to the next meeting. A request was made and granted for volunteers for a Sub Committee to approve this document.

Councillor Naitta and Zbigniew Wojcik to make up Sub Committee.

45/09 Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 26 November 2009 were agreed as a correct record. Concern was raised by some forum members as to the language used in minutes. It was felt that personal referrals do not adhere to Council Standards. The Chair also commented that the outcome of each minute was not clearly stated.

46/09 Updates from previous meeting

BME Communities and Housing Points System

The Housing Statistics were presented with the agenda for information. There were no comments were made by the Forum.

It was agreed to note update.

47/09 Work Programme 2009/2010

Pam Thompson informed the Forum that the recent work programme was attached to the agenda and she shared with them the items to be made available on the next agenda.

There was concern raised by a Forum member that the PCT had neglected to respond to the Forums request for a meeting with the Chief Executive of the PCT. The Chair re-iterated the Forums concern at the lack of progress on this matter and agreed to investigate and report back. It was agreed that the Council would arrange a meeting with the PCT and MCDF representatives.

It was agreed to note the work programme.

48/09 Question and Answer session

The Forum were reminded about the questions and answers sheet attached to the agenda. This sheet could be used to request information for a future meeting or ask any questions relating to a subject at the Forum which they felt they had not had time to answer.

49/09 BME Infrastructure Questionnaire

The Forum noted that the revised questionnaire had not been received by some members of the Forum and it was felt that an extension for collecting information should be granted. The Chair confirmed that hard copies of the document should be taken and studied with a view to reporting back in one week's time to Pam Thompson.

It was agreed to note the questionnaire and receive further a further update from Pam Thompson.

50/09 Core Strategy

The Forum received a presentation on the Derby Core Strategy from Dave Brown. The Forum were given details of the core strategy and how it would set out what type of new development was needed in the City and where this would go. It was reported that the options paper would be provided to Forum members which would include topics such as housing growth, new shopping floorspace, amount of employment land, making buildings more sustainable and addressing transport issues. Members of the Forum were invited to drop in sessions at the Guildhall. It was noted that the Core Strategy team would also be attending Neighbourhood Board meetings during the consultation. Documents on the Strategy could be obtained from the Council's website or in Council buildings and members were welcomed to provide their views before the consultation ended on 31 March 2010.

The Chair encouraged the Forum to attend the sessions for any clarification they required on the strategy or to give their input.

A forum member expressed concern that all drop in sessions were to take place in the City Centre and felt that smaller communities where many of the changes may happen should also be visited.

Comment was also passed by the Forum that the youth of the City should be involved and Dave Brown gave assurance that the Youth Forum had been contacted and 8 representatives would be present at each stakeholder event.

The Chair concluded that Dave Brown should look into the possibility of drop in services in local neighbourhoods and that the information should be available in a variety of languages.

Resolved to present the updates at the next meeting of the Forum.

51/09 BME Communities

The forum received a presentation by Ilona Navickiene on the work of the NCISE, New Communities in Social Enterprise. The presentation detailed the benefits of the Social Enterprise giving minority communities the freedom to be creative. There were examples of reasons for migration, the market economy and plans for the future of NCISE were detailed. The current Derbyshire members of the Social Enterprise were listed.

The Forum made no comments on the presentation.

Resolved to note the presentation.

52/09 Next Forum: 25 March 2010

The forum noted the date of the next scheduled meeting and requested that the new venue Room 96 be booked for all Forums in future.

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