

Time commenced : 6.30 pm  
Time finished : 8.45 pm

## WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 OCTOBER 2004

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**  
Councillor Fay Winter (Chair)  
Councillors Suman Gupta, Lisa Higginbottom, Ann Jackman

### **Council Officers**

Fiona Colton	- Early Years and Childcare Services
Graham Falgate	- Education Officer
Mahroof Hussain	- Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer
Mike Kay	- Environmental Health Officer

### **Council Advisor**

Pam Thompson	- Consultation Support Officer, Community Policy
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### **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

## 13/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ann MacDonald, Sue Preedy, Shabana Hussain, Sylvia Hyde and Kulvinda Bola.

## 14/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair welcomed Councillor Higginbottom on behalf of the Committee, as she was a new member to the Panel.

## 15/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Winter declared a personal interest in Minute No 18/04 – Review of Hospital Car Parking Charges, as she worked for the NHS.

Councillor Gupta declared a personal interest in Minute No 20/04 – Affordable Childcare in the City, as she was an employee of SureStart.

## 16/04 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 17/04 Consultation on the Draft Licensing Policy

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered which set out the Council's proposed draft Licensing Policy. The Licensing Act 2003 introduced a new way of dealing with Alcohol, Public Entertainment and Late Night refreshment licences. Local Authorities would be responsible for implementing the Act from February 2005. Before implementing the Policy, the Council was carrying out a consultation exercise, which was taking place throughout October 2004. The consultation included meetings, displays, mail shots and exhibitions.

Packs containing the draft policy were made available to the Committee, who were invited to read, comment and feedback on it to Mike Kay, Environmental Health Officer. The pack included a summary of the policy and a questionnaire on the consultation, which was taking place throughout October 2004 and was due to close on 1 November 2004. Nasreen Iqbal asked whether people who currently held a license would have to re-apply. Mike responded that there was a six month period in which existing licence holders could apply from 7 February 2004 and that during October trade seminars would be taking place for current licensees to get more information about the changes to the licensing policy.

Councillor Gupta emphasised that it would be important to inform voluntary organisations and other fundraisers who needed a public entertainment license and she recommended that the licensing team worked with Derby CVS in order to engage these groups. Mike responded that all of the current license holders had been contacted but contact would be made with Derby CVS.

Councillor Higginbottom asked whether license holders would need a suitable qualification. Mike responded that new licensees would need a personal licence which would include the need for a recognised qualification.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## 18/04 Review of Hospital Car Parking Charges - Consultation

Mahroof Hussain, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, outlined a topic review, which the Social Care and Health Commission were undertaking on Car Parking Charges at hospitals. He reported that the findings and recommendations of the review would be submitted to the hospitals and that this would be available on the Council's website.

A number of comments were received from the Committee, which included concern that there was insufficient car parking at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. The Committee considered that a better public transport service would alleviate demands on car parking at the hospitals which would need to be run at

reasonable times of day for patients receiving treatment early in the day as well as for outpatients, in-patients and their visitors.

Mahroof encouraged those present to pass further comments to him.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **19/04      Anti Bullying Strategies in Derby City Education Service**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out the Council's anti-bullying policy and background information from the Department for Education and Skills' website.

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, circulated a questionnaire based around the recognised national statistics on bullying in primary and secondary education. He stated that considerable training was being carried out with staff to tackle bullying within schools. He emphasised that it was necessary to encourage people to communicate with children and young people through wider groups including bus companies, the Local Education Authority, Governors and teachers.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **20/04      Affordable Childcare in the City**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Education, setting out details of the Early Years and Childcare Services responsibility to provide information on affordable childcare across the City.

Fiona Colton, Early Years and Childcare Manager, gave a presentation to the Committee, which outlined the current childcare available in the City, which included nursery schools, private day nurseries and playgroups. Fiona reported that affordable childcare was included in the Neighbourhood Nurseries initiative to provide affordable quality daycare in addition to providing nursery places, which was aimed at helping women to get back into work.

Fiona circulated information provided by the Inland Revenue to help people calculate their entitlement to help with childcare and encourage those present to call the Inland revenue if they needed help to do this.

Fiona invited the Committee to contact her on Derby 716867 if they required further information on childcare in the City.

**Resolved to**

**1. note the report.**

- 2. Recommend Council Cabinet to make provision for childcare for women undertaking further education or training to help them get back into work.**

## **21/04 Forward Plan**

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

- 26/04 Freedom of Information Policy
- 29/04 Three Cities Festivals Consortium
- 117/03 Building Schools for the Future - department for Education and Schools and Skills Decision
- 150/03 Vision for Children's Centres
- 4/04 Proposed options to extend the Rethink Rubbish recycling Scheme for 2005
- 5/04 CityScape Masterplan
- 22/04 To approve the outline policy for the Derby Joint Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, LTP2
- 17/04 Local Development Scheme - The programme for preparing a local development framework

## **22/04 International Women's Day**

### **Agreed:**

- 1. to choose Saturday 5 March 2005 as the date for next year's International Women's Day**
- 2. to identify the following committee members to form the workgroup:**

**Nasreen Iqbal  
Shirley Howard  
Arshia Iqbal  
Angela Neill  
Naranjan Lalria,**

**which would meet on Tuesday 16 November at 6pm.**

- 3. the theme for the day would be 'Women's Wellbeing' – To promote the positive side of women's health.**

## **23/04 Date of the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the Women's Advisory Committee would next meet on Tuesday 7 December 2004 at 6.30 pm.

MINUTES END