

Time commenced : 6.30 pm  
Time finished : 8.10 pm

## WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Tuesday 20 September

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**  
Councillor MacDonald (Chair)  
Councillor Bolton  
Councillor Latham  
Councillor Winter

#### **Council Advisors**

Isabella Stone, Assistant Director Community Policy  
Pam Thompson, Consultation Support Officer  
Ellen Bird, Constitutional Services Officer  
Karen Squires, Constitutional Services Officer

#### **Officers**

Beccy Humphrey, Patient and Public Involvement Forums  
Andy Thomas, Community Safety Partnership

#### **Community Representatives**

Kulvinder Bola	Raunak Group
Susan Boon	Osmaston Community Panel
Naranjan Lalria	Individual
Janice Platt	Individual
Irene Shiels	War Widows' Association

### 15/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Shirley Howard, Arshia Iqbal, Nasreen Iqbal, Angela Neill and Jenny Woolley.

### 16/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair reported that consultation documents on Community Involvement and Street Care had been circulated to the Committee.

### 17/05 Declarations of Interest

Irene Shiels declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 19/05 as she was a Member of the Derby Probation Board. Councillor Winter declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 20/05 as she worked within the National Health Service.

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## Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/05

## Anti-Social Behaviour Powers

The Committee received a presentation by Andy Thomas of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) on Anti-Social Behaviour Powers. Copies of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act, National Strategy on Anti-Social Behaviour and CSP Publications on Anti-Social Behaviour were made available to the Committee Members.

The Committee noted that the 51<sup>st</sup> Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) had just been issued by Derby City Council. It was reported that there were now powers to ensure that Crack Houses were closed quickly and that the Community Safety Team was exploring the potential of using ASBOs to trace and control disruptive residents who had been evicted from their properties.

Councillor Winter asked what powers the CSP had to control disreputable Landlords. It was noted that the Government had initially proposed new legislation which would assist with controlling nuisance landlords but that this legislation was now likely to be limited to the landlords of houses of multiple occupation.

Councillor Winter believed community engagement was the key to combating Anti-Social Behaviour. Andy Thomas reported that the CSP was moving towards a more area centred approach. He informed the Committee that approximately 140 new Community Support Officers were likely to be working in Derby by the end of next year which would assist with combating Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Resolved to note the presentation and to receive a further report on this issue in 12 months.**

20/05

## Patient and Public Involvement Forums

The Committee received a presentation from Beccy Humphrey from Carers Federation Limited on the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forums.

Beccy Humphrey reported that PPI Forums were made up of independent local volunteers who aimed to have a positive influence on local health services. It was noted that there was one PPI Forum per Primary Care Trust. The PPI Forums had some legal powers but generally aimed to resolve issues through working in partnership with Health Providers and the local Primary Care Trust. The Forums have a small research budget of £2000 and are supported by a small team of salaried staff

Janice Platt queried whether individual issues could be raised at PPI Forums. The Committee noted that as the panels were independent they could determine their own agenda. Whilst they would not consider individual complaints, they would give serious consideration to requests for items to be added to agendas if they reflected a wider trend.

Councillor Winter asked that 'bed blocking' be passed to the local PPI Forum as an item for investigation.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

## **21/05      International Women's Day 2006**

It was noted that the next International Women's Day was the 8 March 2006. The Committee made the following suggestions for a theme for the day.

- Healthy Eating
- Sport
- Cultures
- Domestic Violence
- Non-British Spouses
- Community Cohesion

The Chair suggested that the proposals which were not used on International Women's Day could be incorporated into the future Workplan.

The Committee felt that a Working Party should be set up to progress plans for the 8 March 2006.

**Resolved to**

- 1.      Indicate preference for a theme for international Women's Day to Pam Thompson and;**
- 2.      Inform Pam Thompson of interest in taking part in the Working Party, and;**
- 3.      Request Pam Thompson to circulate proposed dates for Working Party Meetings.**

## **22/05      Women's Advisory Committee Individual Representation on Other Groups**

Details of the Committee Member's involvement with other groups were circulated.

The Committee considered how they develop links with other groups and become more inclusive as a Committee.

It was suggested that International Women's Day 2006 might provide an ideal opportunity to develop links with groups representing women across the City.

## **Resolved to**

- 1. Use International Women's Day as a starting point to begin to forge links with group's who are currently not represented on the Women's Advisory Committee.**
- 2. Write to groups currently not on the Women's Advisory Committee and invite them to fill the small number of Committee places which remain vacant.**

## **23/05 Grants to Sports and Community Groups**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Education which was approved by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 6 September 2005.

## **Resolved to note the Report**

## **24/05 Forward Plan**

Copies of the Forward Plan were tabled.

The Committee considered which items from the Forward Plan they wished to be included on the Workplan.

## **Resolved to incorporate the following reports into the Workplan at an appropriate time:**

- 27/05 Primary School Place Planning Strategy**
- 37/05 Phase 2 Children's Centres and extended Schools**
- 99/04 Winter Maintenance**

## **25/05 Work Programme**

The Committee considered the latest Work Programme.

## **Resolved to note the Work Programme.**

## **26/05 Date of the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Women's Advisory Meeting would be on Tuesday 22 November at 6.30pm.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting  
at which these minutes were signed