

DPAC – Project Group Minutes of special meeting held on 25 January 2005

Present

Marta Hancock

Trevor Ford

Nancy Pountain

Judi Bateman

Cordell Jackson

Alison Wynn – Derby Community Safety Partnership

Phil Barefoot – Strategic Leisure

Ann Webster –DCC

Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Christine Yates

John Ireland

Peter Maidens

Marian Edge

Community Safety Audit

Alison outlined to members the history behind the Community Safety Partnership. The partnerships aims being to ensure that people living, working and visiting the city feel safe and confident in their daily life. Alison explained that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 required that an audit of crime, disorder, drug misuse and anti-social behaviour be carried out. The audit had now been carried out and Alison wanted to seek the views of disabled people on the audits findings. Also, of importance was disabled people's perceptions of crime, and fear of crime issues.

The following issues were raised:

- Groups of young people gathering at certain locations within community neighbourhoods
- Slow repair of street lights
- Homeless people begging for money
- Specific targeting of disabled people's homes / complexes
- City centre issues different from issues in neighbourhoods
- Use of public transport particularly in the evening

It was felt that many issues around crime or the fear of crime were worse for disabled people. Unfortunately, some member had personal experience of being victims of crime. There was a feeling amongst some disabled people that they were targeted because of their impairments.

Members did however stress that there are many good, law abiding people in neighbourhoods, it generally was a small minority of people that were responsible for criminal, and anti-social behaviour.

Members also felt that disabled people themselves perhaps needed to be more pro-active within communities raising awareness of disability issues. It was also felt that Neighbourhood Watch played a vital role in helping reduce the fear of crime.

Physical Activity and Sports Strategy for Derby

Members welcomed Phil Barefoot from Strategic Leisure. Phil is a consultant to the Council undertaking research in the field of leisure in the City, both from a public and private sector viewpoint . Members felt that the title of the research could discourage disabled people from participating in the study as people may feel that because of their impairment they may not be able to participate in physical activity. It was felt that Sports Strategy for Derby was appropriate.

Members raised the following issues that could limit disabled people's participation in sport:

- Accessibility of building and facilities
- Accessibility and availability of public transport
- Cost
- Equipment availability
- Availability of personal assistance

Phil noted the issues identified and undertook to include them in the final report.

Any other business

None

Date, time and place of next meeting

14 March 2005, 2:00pm Meeting Room 2, Council House. CD walk round weather permitting.