

Time commenced : 6.30pm  
Time finished : 8.25pm

## GENDER DIVERSITY FORUM 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**  
Councillor Higginbottom (Chair)  
Councillor Winter

### **Community Representatives**

Bernadette Pinnock – Friendship Group  
Susan Boon – Women in Neighbouring Communities  
Famida Bhatti – Refuge  
Imran Rehman – Karma Nirvana  
Gill Taylor – Soroptimists International  
Karen Maclean – Derby T-Junction  
Arshia Iqbal – Normanton Women's Engagement Project  
Nasreen Iqbal – Normanton Women's Engagement Project  
Albertina Paka di Phoba – Voice of Congolese Women  
Toni Montinaro – Derbyshire Friend

### **Council and Other Officers**

Pam Thompson  
Rachel Dickinson  
Ann Webster  
Andy Thomas

### 14/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, Bolton, Redfern and Willoughby and Cherry Henry.

### 15/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

### 16/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 17/07 Election of Vice-Chair

The Forum voted for a Vice Chair of the meeting. No ballots had been received prior to the meeting.

**Toni Montinaro, Derbyshire Friend, was elected as the Vice Chair.**

## 18/07 Organisation Pro Forma

The Forum was asked to complete and return the pro-forma with details of their organisation. The Forum was advised that they could also submit additional leaflets with their pro-forma.

**Noted.**

## 19/07 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 17 July were noted.

## 20/07 Update on matters arising from the previous meeting

The Forum received updates on the Council's decision making process, the proposal for the Community Grants Budget and the New Single Equality Law.

**Noted.**

## 21/07 Work Programme 2007/08

The latest updates to the work programme from July 2007 to April 2008 were noted. The Forum considered grouping items relating to forced marriage and domestic violence to facilitate presentations. Members of the Forum were encouraged to bring items forward to the work plan.

**Noted.**

## 22/07 Anti Social Behaviour

The Forum received a presentation from Andy Thomas, Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, updating them on Anti-Social Behaviour developments in the last 7-8 years, both nationally and locally. It was noted that the key performance measure for Anti Social Behaviour was the Local Government safety perception survey. The Forum asked if it was possible to split the perception survey down Gender lines and it was requested that the next perception report to come to the Forum with the split of male to female perceptions of safety in Derby.

**Agreed to note the presentation and ask for an update to come to a future meeting.**

## 23/07 Working for the Council – Employment Statistics

The Forum received a report on the employment statistics of the Council. The statistics had been gathered to comply with the Race Relations Amendment Act 2000, but also contained useful information on gender splits within employment in the Council.

**Noted.**

## 24/07      BBC Big Screen

The Forum received a presentation from Louise Angell, Screen Events Manager for the BBC and Hannah Meredith, CSV Action Desk, giving information on how members of the Forum could get information about their organisation to a wider audience. The two main forms would be by utilising the Big Screen in Derby Market Place or by working with the Derby Action desk with BBC Radio Derby. Members who were interested in promoting their organisations more widely were encouraged to make contact with either Hannah or Louise for more information.

**Noted.**

## 25/07      Open Discussion

Ann Webster thanked those members of the Forum who attended the focus group with the Equality Standards assessors. Members of the forum were reminded that the Open Discussion was an opportunity for them to bring any items of interest, announcements, comments, discussions or raise future agenda items.

**Noted.**

## 26/07      Next Forum Pre-Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Higginbottom, Councillor Winter and Toni Montinero would attend the next pre-meeting. The next full Forum meeting would be held on the 20 November 2007.

**Agreed.**

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