

Time commenced : 6.35pm
Time finished : 8.10pm

GENDER DIVERSITY FORUM 17 JULY 2007

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

Community Representatives

Bernadette Pinnock – Friendship Group
Susan Boon – Women in Neighbouring Communities
Cherry Henry – Hallmark
Famida Bhatti – Refuge
Jennieve Ferguson – Friendship Group
Imran Rehman – Karma Nirvana
Rehana Anbar – Karma Nirvana
Shazia Qayum – Karma Nirvana
Geoff Noble – DREC Diversity Group
Shirley Howard-Johnson – Fridays Friends
Kelly Kittenge – Congolese Community

Council and Other Officers

Pam Thompson
Rachel Dickinson
Katy Wing
Adrian Gascoyne
Stephanie Hernandez

01/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry and Willoughby, Nasreen Iqbal, Jasvinder Sangera, Arshia Iqbal and Dena Trossell.

02/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/07 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2007 were noted.

05/07 Update on Actions from the Previous Meeting

The Forum noted updates on actions from the previous meeting.

06/07 Proposals for the Community Grants Budget

The Committee received a presentation from Katy Wing giving details of the Community Grants Budget review. Katy explained the aims, objectives, process, criteria and proposals for the review. The Forum was asked to nominate a representative to sit on the Assessment Team, although all organisations were encouraged to respond to the consultation.

Agreed to note the presentation.

07/07 Diversity Forums Launch Feedback

The Forum received feedback and details of actions arising from the Diversity Forums Launch event.

Noted.

08/07 Work Programme

The work programme from July 2007 to April 2008 was noted. It was agreed that the work programme would be developed over the year and the scheduling may change in response to changing priorities.

09/07 Organisations Introduction

Members of the Forum introduced themselves and the organisation they represented to the Forum.

10/07 Forced Marriage – Derby's Action Plan

The Forum received a presentation from representatives from Karma Nirvana which explained the purpose and work of the organisation. Work was being carried out to raise awareness of forced marriage and honour based violence. A Forced Marriage Group had been set up and this group was working with the Community Safety Partnership – CSP. Adrian Gascoyne explained that the CSP had taken ownership of this group and incorporated it into the Domestic Violence Working Group. An action plan had been produced by Karma Nirvana and the working group had taken this up.

Agreed to receive an update at a future meeting with timescales incorporated in the action plan.

11/07 Working with Male Perpetrators of Domestic Violence

The Forum received an update from Adrian Gascoyne on working with male perpetrators of domestic violence. This was a three year project that started in 2005 and was due to end in March 2008. There had been some successes

through the scheme. The Community Safety Partnership were now reviewing all domestic violence activity and the perpetrators programme would be part of this review.

Noted.

12/07 New Single Equality Law: Consultation

Rachel Dickinson advised the Forum that there was currently consultation taking place on the proposed new Single Equality Law. Ann Webster would be holding a meeting at 6.30pm on 16 August to look at the consultation document to formulate a response. Members of the Forum were invited to attend.

13/07 Dates of Future Meetings

The Forum noted dates of future meetings, all meetings will start at 6.30pm, as follows:

Tuesday 25 September 2007

Tuesday 20 November 2007

Tuesday 5 February 2008

Tuesday 1 April 2008

Tuesday 17 June 2008

MINUTES END