

## MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 25 MARCH 2010

**Present: Representing Derby City Council**

Councillor Naitta (Chair)  
Councillor Shanker

**Representing Communities**

Nasreen Iqbal – Pakistan Community  
Abdullah Shahjan – MS  
Jaz Rai  
Zahir Shaikh  
Helen Ham  
George Mighty – DWICA  
Nezrine Hudson – DWICA  
Kirit Mistry – Derby REC  
Patrick Devine – Equality and Human Rights Commission  
J Singh Shemare – Equality and Human Rights Commission  
Francis B Ngosa  
Kamal Amier  
Ferid Kevric – Derby Bosnian-Herzegovina Community Association  
Joe Kupranec – Ukranian Cultural Centre  
Tony Walsh – Derby Irish Association  
Hazel Simpson – Black Parent Forum & Family Action  
Lloyd Newby - DWICA

**Council and Other Officers**

Rajesh Lall – Derby City Council  
Pam Thompson – Derby City Council  
Rod Wood – Derby City Council  
Kathy Frain - Quad

### 53/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, R Khan and Dhindsa, Angella Mighty, John Pearson, Father Tim O'Sullivan, Shirley Howard-Johnson, Irka Wolociuha, Zbigniew Wojcik, Mohammed Shaief Shokat.

### 54/09 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following item on the grounds that advice was required from the Committee before the next scheduled meeting of the Committee:

#### Review of Homefinder Policy

Kim Morgan explained to the forum that there would be a review of the housing allocations policy. Focus groups were being held over the next couple of months to

get feedback on how the allocations policy should be amended. Forum members were invited to focus groups that would be taking place on 26 March and 9 April in the mornings, 13 April in the afternoon and 27 April in the evening at the YMCA on London Road.

## 55/09 Notes of the last meeting held on 28 January 2010

The notes of the meeting held on 28 January 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

## 56/09 Updates from previous meeting

There were no updates.

## 57/09 Work Programme 2009/2010

The Forum considered the work programme. It was agreed that items 9 and 10 on the work programme would be considered at the next meeting.

## 58/09 Question and Answer session

A Question and Answer sheet was attached to the agenda, members were asked to use this sheet to ask questions either about issues raised at the meeting or anything else they would like to raise. The members were advised that if they wanted their response by the next meeting then the sheets need to be submitted five clear days before the meeting.

The Forum noted that there had been two questions received out of time and they would be rolled over to the following meeting.

## 59/09 Welcome Pack: Community Safety Partnership

The Forum received a report on the Derby City Welcome pack, stating the purpose of the pack and how it had been funded.

The Forum noted that there was not an officer present to provide further details, so consequently requested that before the pack be produced the Forum be consulted.

**Resolved to request a delay of the production of the Welcome Pack until the Forum had been given an opportunity to contribute to its content.**

## 60/09 Primary Care Trust

The Forum received an update from Kirit Mistry on the outcome of the meeting which took place with Gill Collinson following the letter sent from the Forum. It was reported that the PCT were planning to establish a needs analysis steering group to which Forum members would be invited to contribute. Kirit informed members that the Gill would be happy to attend a future meeting of the Forum to discuss the needs analysis and the Forum's concerns about a lack of engagement from the PCT.

**Resolved to request that Gill Collinson attend the next meeting of the Forum.**

## 61/09 Human Rights

The Forum received a presentation on The Local Equality and Human Rights Partnership from Patrick Devine and J Singh Shemare. The presentation explained the position of the Equality and Human Rights Commission to enter into debate on the bill of rights.

The Forum also received a presentation from Kirit Mistry on the Human Rights from a local perspective. . It was stated that the rational behind the Partnership was to form a powerful group of people and raise awareness; priority for the Partnership would be to gain support rather than training and consultancy at the present time.

**Resolved to note the presentations.**

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY

### 62/09 Review of Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations

The Forum received a report on the Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations for information.

### 63/09 Next meeting: 20 May 2010

It was agreed that Kirit Mistry, Kamal Amier and Ferid Kevric would attend the pre meeting at 5.15pm on 20 April 2010.

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