

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 8:30pm

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2006

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

Community Representatives

Dena Trossell
Angela Neil
Shirley Howard-Johnson
Janice Platt
Dr Chandra Sayal
Nasreen Iqbal
Arshia Iqbal

27/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harborn and Naranjan Lalria

28/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

29/06 Declarations of Interest

There were none

30/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

31/06 Update on Draft Working Arrangements

The Committee received a report on the draft working arrangements for the Gender Diversity Forum.

Concerns were expressed about the number of representatives who could attend the Committee. It was felt that the bigger the Forum became the less productive it would be.

The Committee felt that if it was going to be in the protocol that Committee Members would be reimbursed for travel expenses then the method of payment of expenses needed to be improved.

Resolved to note the report

32/06 Walk in Centre and Well Woman Clinics

The Committee received a presentation on the new Walk in Centre that was being built in the City.

It was noted that the Centre would initially be open during office hours but that it was hoped the hours would be extended.

Resolved to note the presentation.

33/06 Independent Members for School Admission Appeals

The Committee received a report which highlighted the Council's need to recruit Independent Members for School Admission Appeals.

The Committee suggested that the Council could advertise in school news letters, at Christmas and summer fetes and through PTA meetings.

Resolved to note the report and to pass the information about how to become an independent member for school admission appeals on to the community groups represented at the Committee.

34/06 Equality Standard – A Framework for Sport

The Committee received a report and presentation on the Equality Standard Framework for Sport.

They noted that women were being targeted in the framework as they were statistically least likely to do any physical exercise on a regular basis.

The Committee felt that the cost of attending Sports Centres prevented some women from doing exercise.

Resolved to note that the consultation on the Equality Action Plan would be rolled out.

35/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Committee considered items in the Council's latest Forward Plan.

Resolved to request that 41/06 – Play Strategy be brought to a future Committee meeting for the Committee's information.

36/06 Work Programme

The Committee received an updated work programme outlining the reports that would be brought to future Committee Meetings.

Resolved to note the report.

37/06 International Women's Day Update

It was noted that funding was being sought for the event.

Resolved to request that a full update be brought to a future meeting.

38/06 Date of the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 January 2007.

MINUTES END