

Time commenced : 6.30pm  
Time finished : 8.40pm

## **DISABLED PEOPLES DIVERSITY FORUM 5 JULY 2007**

Present: Councillor Chera (Chair)  
Councillors Dhamrait, Grimadell and Turner

### **Representing groups**

Judi Bateman – DCIL  
Jon Eccarius - DCIL  
Andy Findlay – Access Group  
Pat Fletcher – DCIL  
Trevor Ford – D H Forum  
Alison Hicking – Derby Deaf Forum  
Nancy Pountain – Derby Access Group  
Amarjit Raju – Disability Direct  
George Sanders – CamTAD  
Roy Jones - CanTAD  
Edith Storer – EMASH  
Noel Walsh – Derbyshire Association for the Blind  
Janet Warner – Derby Shopmobility

### **City Council Advisors**

Andrew Auld – Head of Communications and Consultation  
Dennis Jackson – Chair of the Disabled Employees Network  
Susan Sanghera -  
Sharon Stevens Cash – Derby Cityscape  
Pam Thompson – Consultation Support Officer  
Katherine Taylor – Constitutional Services Officer  
Mick Watts – Access Officer  
Ann Webster – Equality Standard Project Manager

### **Also Present**

BSL Interpreters

## **01/07 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Webb and Winter, Rachell Bastiker Derby Deaf Forum, M Reeve Derbyshire Autism Services Group, Sue Naish Derbyshire Association for the Blind, Steve Rigby Disability Direct.

## **02/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

The Chair introduced one late item on feedback and details of actions arising from the Diversity Forums launch event.

## 03/07 Declarations of Interest

There were none

## 04/07 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2007 were noted.

## 05/07 Updates on matters arising from previous meeting

The Forum noted updates on actions from the previous meeting.

## 06/07 Derby Cityscape

The forum received a presentation from Sharon Stevens-Cash of Cityscape on the regeneration company's role.

## 07/07 Disabled Peoples Housing Project

The Forum agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting.

## 08/07 Derby Deaf Forum - Update

The Forum received an oral update from Alison Hicking, Derby Deaf Forum on the ongoing work with the PCT and other Health authority bodies.

She expressed her concern that several deaf people had been invited to events organised by Derby City Partnership, but that no sign language interpreter had been provided.

Ann Webster responded by saying that the department were taking their concerns very seriously and that a high level meeting would take place to ensure that the same problem would not be repeated again.

## 09/07 Disabled People's Diversity Forum (DPDF) Project Group Minutes

The forum noted the minutes of the DPDF project group 16 April 2007.

## 10/07 A-boards Guidelines Policy

The Forum received a report from the Director of Regeneration and Community on the Council's approach to 'A' Boards, which was set out in the report.

It was noted that the Council could only remove boards that obstructed the public highway.

Agreed to approve the approach to the control of 'A' Boards.

## 11/07 Disabled Employees Network

The Forum noted the Disabled Employees Network annual report. Dennis Jackson, chair of the DEN and Susan Sanghera, Recruitment Officer Positive Action, attended to present the report.

A member of the Forum suggested that British Sign Language interpreters are provided for deaf people at the network meetings.

## 12/07 International Day Of Disabled People

Ann Webster asked for volunteers to form a working group in preparation for the 2007 International Day of Disabled People. The following people agreed to form the group:

Andy Findlay – Access Group  
Janet Warner – Derby Shopmobility  
Nancy Pountain – Derby Access Group  
Sharon Stevens-Cash – Derby Cityscape  
Roy Jones - CamTAD  
Jon and Sylvia Eccarius - DCIL  
Councillor Turner - Derby City Council

Ann Webster said that she would contact the working group members to arrange a meeting and feedback to the Forum at a future meeting.

## 13/07 Open discussion

### **Single Equality Bill**

Ann Webster, Equality Standard Project Manager informed the Forum of a proposed single equality bill covering equality and human rights and that further information would be brought to a future meeting of the Forum.

Councillors Chera and Turner, Nancy Pountain, Derby Access Group and Noel Walsh, Derbyshire Association for the Blind volunteered to form a working group to consult on the proposals. They agreed to meet on 16 August 2007 at 6.30pm in Meeting Room 2.

## 14/07 Agree Dates for Future Meetings

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

13 September 2007  
15 November 2007  
24 January 2008

6 March 2008

5 June 2008

## Items for Information

### 15/07 Work Programme

An updated Work programme schedule was distributed at the meeting and noted.

### 16/07 Small Change Grants to Community and Voluntary Groups

The forum noted the 76 grant awards made through the main Small Change programme to community and voluntary groups.

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