

Time commenced : 6.30pm  
Time finished : 7.50pm

## GENDER & SEXUALITY DIVERSITY FORUM 19 JANUARY 2010

In Attendance:

### **Community Representatives**

Towana Graham – Derby Racial Equality Council  
Kerry Bailey – Business Link (Community Based)  
Nasreen Sabir – Hadhari Nari Project  
Satinder Panesar – Refuge  
Famida Bhatti – Refuge  
Alice Buckle – DACP  
Beth Seymour – Transcend

### **Council and Other Officers**

Jennifer Lister – Derby City Council  
Ann Webster – Derby City Council  
Dave Brown – Derby City Council  
Fiona Cotton – Derby City Council  
Liz Moore – Derby City Council  
Pam Thompson – Derby City Council  
Christine Collingwood – Derby City Council  
Nicky Bartley – Derby City Council

### 30/09 Appointment of Chair

The Forum appointed Satinder Panesar as the Chair for that meeting.

### 31/09 Introductions

The Forum members introduced themselves and welcomed new members.

### 32/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Susan Boon, Dionne Reid, Lynette Anglin, Julie Goodall, Nasreen Iqbal, Tony Montinaro, Tracey Arnold, Cherry Henry, Councillor Winter and Councillor Leeming.

### 33/09 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

### 34/09 Notes of the last meeting held on 24 November 2009

The notes of the meeting held on 24 November 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

## 35/09 Updates on matters arising from the previous meeting

The Forum considered updates on matter arising from the previous meeting. The Forum were provided with an update on grants to voluntary organisations.

**The Forum noted the update.**

## 36/09 Work Programme 2009/2010

The Forum considered the work programme for 2009/10.

The Forum decided for the next meeting items eight, nine, ten and eleven on the work programme would be discussed.

**Agreed to approve the work programme.**

## 37/09 Open Discussion / Question and Answer Sheet

The Forum were reminded about the questions and answers sheet attached to the agenda. This sheet could be used to request information for a future meeting or ask any questions relating to a subject at the Forum which they felt they had not had time to answer.

**Agreed to note the update.**

## 38/09 Children's Centre

The Forum received a presentation on Children's Centres including fathers in their consultation and activities from Fiona Colton. It was reported that there were 18 children centres in Derby that provided activities targeted at fathers and male carers. The activities included stay and play, male carers groups, sport, family learning and partnership with Barnados.

Members of the Forum asked whether services could be accessed by those who had no recourse to public funds. It was reported that there could be further details provided outside of the Forum.

**Agreed to note the presentation.**

## 39/09 Core Strategy

The Forum received a presentation on the Derby Core Strategy from Dave Brown. The Forum were given details of the core strategy and how it would set out what type of new development was needed in the City and where this would go. It was reported that the options paper would be provided to Forum members which would include topics such as housing growth, new shopping floorspace, amount of employment land, making buildings more sustainable and addressing transport issues. Members of the Forum were invited to drop in sessions at the Guildhall and could access documents on the Council's website

or in Council buildings to provide their views before the consultation ended on 31 March 2010.

**Agreed to note the presentation.**

## **40/09 Women in Public Roles and Leadership**

Pam Thompson informed the Forum that a suggestion had been made to set up a working group from members of the Forum to explore good practice from across Europe and decide which aspects could be used at Derby City Council.

It was noted that the group would meet and then review their findings after 6 months. It was agreed that Liz Moore, Towana Graham, Satinder Panesar and Ann Webster would sit on the working group and that Pam Thompson would invite further volunteers from the Forum.

**Agreed to set up a working group.**

## **41/09 International Women's Day**

Pam Thompson informed the Forum that unfortunately as no funding had yet been secured the Assembly Rooms had been released to another user. It was reported that another venue was trying to be found although there was not much funding available due to the current economic climate. It was noted that there would be a planning meeting on Tuesday 26 January 2010 in the morning or Friday 29 January 2010 in the afternoon.

**The Forum noted the update.**

## **42/09 Next Meeting: 30 March 2010**

The next pre-meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 3:00pm. It was agreed that Towana Graham, Dionne Reid and Beth Seymour would attend the pre-meeting.

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