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**DISABLED PEOPLES DIVERSITY FORUM
2 JULY 2009**

Present: Councillor Hird (Chair)
Councillor Ingall

In Attendance:

Representing groups

Judi Bateman – Derbyshire Autism Services Group
Andy Findlay – Derby Access Group
Pat Fletcher – East Midlands Arthritis Self Help
George Sanders - CamTAD
Roy Jones – CamTAD
Nancy Pountain – Derby Access Group
Edith Storer – East Midlands Arthritis Self Help Group
Noel Walsh – Derbyshire Association for the Blind
Janet Warner – Derby Shopmobility
Lynn Gilbey – Derby Homes Traq Tenants Reviewing Access and Quality

City Council Advisors

Ann Webster – Equality and Diversity Manager
Mick Watts – Access Officer
Christine Collingwood – Consultation Support Manager
Olu Idowu – Principal Solicitor Litigation

Paula McDonald – Derbyshire County Council Emergency Planning
Adrian Piggott – NHS Derby City

01/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Care and Grimadell,
Sarah Fletcher – DCIL and Ian Gosling.

02/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/09 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved to appoint Judi Bateman – Derbyshire Autism Services Group as Vice Chair of the Disabled People’s Diversity Forum for the 2009-10 municipal year.

04/09 Notes from Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 14 May 2009 were reviewed by the Forum and approved.

The Forum requested that in respect of minute no 73/09 could the stopping distances for Rickshaws be ascertained and reported back to the Forum. They also requested in respect of minute no 75/09 that the reasons for not carrying out an equality impact assessment for the Big Screen be ascertained.

05/09 Updates on matters arising from the previous meeting

Noted.

06/09 Work Programme 2008/09

The Forum considered the work programme. Mick Watts and Noel Walsh would arrange a meeting with Westfield to discuss health and safety issues, particularly those affecting visually impaired people and access to the Westfield centre. The results of the meeting would be reported to the next meeting.

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Agreed to consider the following items at the next meeting

- **Work programme priorities for the next year**
- **Derby Direct Telephony Service**
- **Self Assessment Scheme**
- **Ideas for the AGM**

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07/09 Question Sheet: Forum Representatives Questions

There were no questions.

08/09 Disability ID Cards

Nancy Pountain reported on a disabled people's registration scheme in Nottingham and asked Forum members if such a scheme should be considered for Derby. A number of members had strongly held views that in the current climate of inclusion they could not support a Derby registration scheme.

Agreed not to proceed with a disabled people's registration scheme.

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09/09 Primary Care

Adrian Piggott Social Inclusion Manager from NHS Derby City attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Engagement and Communications. Many of the question Forum members raised were about the hospital, it was therefore suggested that a representative of the hospital be invited to a future meeting to address Forum members concerns.

Agreed to note the presentation and to ask the Consultation Support Manager to write to the hospital to invite them to a future meeting to address Forum members concerns.

10/09 Deaf Forum

This item was withdrawn in the absence of the Forum member.

11/09 DPDF – Project Group Minutes

The Forum received the minutes of the Disabled People's Diversity Forum Project Group from 15 June 2009.

Resolved to note the minutes.

12/09 Rickshaws/Private Hire Licence/Traffic Regulations

Olu Idowu gave an update to the Forum on Rickshaws/Private Hire Licence and Traffic regulations. He reported that the Rickshaw licence had been returned by the licensee. As he is now unlicensed, he therefore could not travel through the pedestrianised area and had the same status as any other cyclist. It was reported that the Traffic Regulation Order was still in place. The Forum requested that it should be rescinded.

The Forum raised concerns about cyclists riding in the pedestrianised area. Forum members cited examples of accidents and near misses that they had

witnessed. Forum members reaffirmed their strongly held views that the current traffic order which prohibited cycling at all times in pedestrianised streets should remain.

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Agreed

1. To request the Director of Regeneration and Community to formally rescind the Traffic Regulation Order allowing licensed rickshaws on the pedestrianised area.
2. The Consultation Support Manager to raise the issue with the Seniors Forum to identify if there are any common issues between both these Forums. Councillors Hird and Ingall also both agreed to look into this.

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3. Councillors Hird and Ingall to contact Derby Police to see about enforcing the no cycling rule in St Peter's Street

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13/09 Date of Next Forum Meeting

The Forum agreed that Roy Jones, Noel Walsh and Nancy Pountain would attend the next pre meeting on 20 August 2009 at 1pm. The next Forum meeting would take place on 17 September 2009.

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The AGM was likely to be held on 7 October 2009. The pre meeting would take place on 28 July 2009 at 5pm.

Agreed that the Vice Chair be invited to attend.

14/09 Place Survey 2008, England

The Forum noted the Place Survey 2008. It was noted that data broken down by groups and geographical areas would be provided to a future meeting.

15/09 Integrated Emergency Management

Paula McDonald attended the Forum and requested that members let her know what facilities and arrangements would need to be available to deliver accessible evacuation opportunities. It was also agreed that Paula would attend the next meeting of the Project Group.

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Agreed that forum members would discuss this issue with their groups and feedback any comment directly to Paula. Also, that Paula would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Project Group.

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16/09 Derby Shopmobility

The Forum noted that Derby Shopmobility were trialling Sunday opening from 2 August 2009 for three months.

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