

Time commenced : 6.30 pm
Time finished : 8.35 pm

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE 27 JULY 2004

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**
Councillor Fay Winter (Chair)
Councillors Suman Gupta, Ann Jackman and Pauline Latham

Council Officers

Sharon Jackson	Corporate Customer Services Manager
Craig Scott	Environmental Projects Officer
Sue Scott	Assistant Director – Human Resources and Diversity
Sharon Squires	Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership
Richard Winter	Assistant Waste Management Officer

Council Advisor

Pam Thompson	Consultation Support Officer – Community Policy
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Community Representatives

Susan Boon	Osmaston Community Panel
Shabana Hussain	Humhari Manzil
Sylvia Hyde	Individual
Arshia Iqbal	Individual
Nasreen Iqbal	Individual
Naranjan Lalria	Individual
Janice Platt	Individual
Dr Chandra Sayal	Individual
Irene Shiels	Individual

01/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ann MacDonald, Kulvinder Bola, Shirley Howard, Angela Neill and Sue Preedy.

02/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/04 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment.

That the last paragraph of minute no. 49/03 reads:

Nasreen Iqbal commented that the women's toilets in Normanton Park had no wash hand basin.

John Hansed committed to raise this with the appropriate officer.

05/04

Sue Scott provided an oral update on the progress with regard to the repositioning of Policy Directorate Services, which had been reported to the committee at its last meeting. She reported that the repositioning programme had taken place successfully and that staff had been allocated to the roles of their choice.

Resolved to note the update and welcome the good news.

06/04 The Community Safety Partnership

Sharon Squires presented an oral update on the progress of the establishment of a Community Safety Partnership. She circulated some notes to the committee which placed the Community Safety Partnership in the context of a legal framework and the associated responsible bodies and outlined the new structure and governance of the partnership.

Sharon outlined the three key approaches of the Partnership, specifically to work with those people causing anti social behaviour, to reduce the opportunities for people to commit acts of anti social behaviour and building stronger and safer communities. Sharon reported that in September or October 2004 the key findings of the partnership's research would be published and would form the basis of the subsequent three-year community safety partnership strategy.

Sharon reported the Police statistics on reported incidents of domestic violence in Derby, which indicated that women were most at risk from domestic violence which accounted for 24% of all violent crime in the city. The committee discussed the issue of domestic violence at length and concluded that there were a number of people unable to report incidents of domestic violence for a number of factors, which could include cultural and language barriers.

Resolved to thank Sharon for the update and request that she return to the December meeting of the committee to present how the strategy for the following three years was developing.

07/04 Consultation on the Council's new Environmental Policy

Craig Scott afterwards presented the Council's current Environmental Policy which was six years old and requested members of the committee to consider how it could be improved and asked members to complete a questionnaire which was circulated at the meeting.

Craig stated that Youth Groups, Minority Ethnic Communities and Disabled People's Advisory Committees had been consulted on their views at this pre-consultation stage and that the full consultation would be completed in late Autumn 2004. The committee noted that the contribution to pollution from vehicles was one of the largest effects on greenhouse gas production and that air travel also made a serious contribution to environmental pollution.

The committee thanked Craig for his presentation and invited him to report back to a future meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee once the results of the consultation had been received and the new environmental policy published.

08/04 Recycling Initiatives

Richard Winter presented some of the new ways in which the Council was trying to encourage people to recycle. He reported that at the Raynesway Recycling Centre approximately two thirds of the waste was recycled, that Derby City Council was a 'good' Council in terms of achieving its recycling targets which were between 12% and 14% and that Derby did very well in comparison to other UK cities.

Richard reported that the Council was introducing a new recycling/rubbish collection scheme called 'Rethink Rubbish'. Every household would be given a:

- brown wheeled bin for garden waste
- blue box for plastic bottles, glass bottles, tins and cans
- blue bag for newspapers and magazines
- red bag for textiles.

It was reported that the collection of waste would take place on alternate weeks; one week would be the black bin and that the second week all the recycling. He outlined a number of ways in which recycled materials were used. For example:

- clothes were sold to the Padley Group
- newspapers were recycled into paper
- plastic bottles were recycled into pipes and fleece material
- cans were recycled into new cans or any steel products

- glass was recycled into new bottles.

A number of recycled materials were on display at the meeting and people were encouraged to look at them.

The committee noted that it had been necessary to increase the fleet of lorries that the Council used for recyclable waste, as there was high demand to recycle, particularly paper. Richard stated that he had visited schools in the city to teach children about the importance of recycling and the ways in which they could do it at home.

The recycling scheme would be trialled across 60% of the city but work still needed to be done to encourage people who lived in flats and terraced houses to permit them to recycle more easily.

Richard invited anybody from the committee who wished to contact him with further questions about recycling initiatives in the city to email him at richard.winter@derby.gov.uk.

Resolved to thank Richard for his presentation and ask him to organise a trip to the Raynesway Recycling facility for the committee in the future.

09/04 Customer Service Strategy

Sharon Jackson presented a report from the Director of Corporate Services, which stated that the Service Access Review, which had been completed earlier this year, recommended the development of a Customer Service Strategy for the Council. The strategy outlined the Council's vision for customer service over the next three years. Sharon reported that the draft strategy had been prepared and was available on the Council's website. The final strategy would be launched at the Council's Employee Conference in September 2004.

Resolved to note the report and ask Sharon to report back to a future meeting of the committee once further progress on the Customer Service Strategy had been made.

10/04 Draft City Public Health Strategy

Resolved to note the draft City Public Health Strategy that was out for public consultation.

11/04 Forward Plan

There were no items identified on the August Forward Plan for consideration.

12/04 Date of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the Women's Advisory Committee would next meet on 5 October 2004, at 6.30 pm.

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