

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
Craig Scott
Sue Scott
Richard Winter

Council Advisor

Pam Thompson

Community Representatives

Susan Boon
Shabana Hussain
Sylvia Hyde
Arshia Iqbal
Nasreen Iqbal
Naranjan Lalria
Janice Platt
Dr Chandra Sayal
Irene Shiels

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 minute no. 49/03 "Future Strategy of Public Conveniences" the last paragraph should read 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 and that the Advisory Committee staff had been allocated to each of the three Council's Advisory Committees.

Resolved to note the update and welcome the good news as concern had been expressed at the previous meeting about the reallocation of Equalities staff.

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 and which formed 24% of all violent crime in the city. The committee discussed the issue of domestic violence at length and concluded that it was perhaps a positive thing that the reported figures were so high but equally there were a number of people who still not feel able to report incidents of domestic violence for a number of factors which could include cultural and language barriers. Councillor Winter thanked Sharon for the update and requested 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 along with return envelopes.

Craig stated that Youth Groups, Mecac, and Depac were also being used for their views at this pre-consultation stage and that the full consultation would be completed in the late Autumn 2004. The committee noted that the contribution of pollution from transport from vehicles was one of the largest effects on the greenhouse gas production and that also 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 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ of the waste there is recycled and 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 every householder would be given a blue box for recycling and two coloured bags, one for recyclable materials, for example, cans, bottles, plastics and glass and the other to put clothing in and that people would also receive a brown bin for recycling garden waste. It was reported that the collection of waste would take place on alternative weeks but the first week would be normal household collection in a black or green-wheeled bin and that the second week the brown recycling wheeled bin would be collected and that the blue recycling box would be collected fortnightly. He outlined a number of ways in which recycled materials were used, specifically clothes were sold to the Padler Group, newspapers were recycled to be used as fresh paper, that plastic bottles were recycled and made into pipelines and fleece material, that cans could be recycled to make new cans and similarly glass would be recycled to make new bottles and jars. 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 use for waste, as there was so much demand to recycle paper. Richard stated that he had been going to schools in the city to try and educate children on the importance of recycling and the ways in which they could do it.

The recycling scheme would be trailed at 60% of the city but work still needs to be done on encouraging those people who lived in flats and terrace houses to

permit them to recycle more easily. The committee requested a trip to the Raynesway Recycling facility to be organised

Resolved to ask Richard Winter to organise a trip to Raynesway for the Women's Advisory Committee. 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 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 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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