

Notes of induction loop and infra red hearing enhancement systems meeting

20 May 2009

Present

Roy Jones – Camtad volunteer
Mick Watts – DCC

Background

The background to the meeting was discussion at the 14 May 2009 Disabled People's Diversity Forum (DPDF) about the accessibility of Council buildings to hearing impaired people.

Issues discussed

- The ineffectiveness of the Guildhall infra red system. The need for staff training in relation to the effective use of the equipment and positioning of stage lighting.
Action: Meeting been arranged at the Guildhall on 3 June.
- Building managers should be testing induction loops weekly, loop testers would need to be purchased to do this.
Action: Discuss with DCC Property Services
- New loop in Council House, Meeting Room 2 still not working properly.
Action: Report to DCC Property Maintenance
- Loop in Council House Training Room appears to work satisfactorily, problem however during Powerpoint presentations. Projector soon to be replaced which might help but situation to be monitored.
Action: Access Officer to monitor
- Develop DPDF meeting rules to include things like one person to speak at a time and mobile phones off.
Action: Access Officer to discuss with Consultation Support Officer

- Does a list of all Council induction loops / infra systems exist?
Action: Access Officer to investigate
- Quad – Equipment effectiveness audit and possible awareness training to be considered.
Action: Access Officer to facilitate meeting between Quad and Camtad representatives
- Cinema de Lux, Westfield - Equipment effectiveness audit and possible awareness training to be considered.
Action: Access Officer to facilitate meeting between Cinema de Lux and Camtad representatives
- DCC Building Control surveyors to test newly installed loops prior to the issuing of completion certificates
Action: Access Officer to discuss with Building Consultancy Manager
- Access officer to perhaps meet Camtad volunteers and write article about his role
Action: Camtad manager and Access Officer to discuss