

Time commenced - 6.30 pm
Time Finished – 7:34 pm

MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 15 JUNE 2006

Present: **Representing Derby City Council**
Councillor Roberts – In the Chair
Councillor Higginbottom, Richards and Webb

Representing Communities
Lloyd Newby - Caribbean Community
Nasreen Iqbal – Pakistani Community
Shokat Lal – Pakistani Community
Mohammed Sharief – Pakistani Community

Community Advisors
Shirley Howard – Caribbean Community
Zbigniew Wojcik MBE – Derby Racial Equality Council - REC

Council Officers
Rod Wood – Assistant Director – Human Resources
Pam Thompson - Consultation Support Officer
Sharon Squires – Director of Derby Community Partnership

01/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rajesh Lall, Charan Rattu, Mohan S Manku, Jarnail S Birring and Gurdev Singh Dhillon

02/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in minute number 09/06 – Derby Homes – Racial Incidents as he was a Derby Homes Board Member. Councillor Richards declared a personal interest in minute number 09/06 – Derby Homes – Racial Incidents as he was a Derby Homes tenant.

04/06 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 30 March and 11 May 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, with the addition to minute number 82/05

that Nasreen Iqbal was a co-opted member of the Education Commission as a parent governor representative.

05/06 Updates on Minutes of Previous Meeting

An update report had been circulated on matters from the previous meeting. It was reported that the planned meeting with the Community Representatives on the Advisory Committee Review had not taken place as Tony Walsh of the Derby REC had retired. The Committee wished to thank Tony for his contribution and welcomed Bish Wojeck as his replacement on the Committee. Bish Wojeck agreed to facilitate the meeting to discuss Advisory Committee Review, and expected a good attendance to discuss a way forward for the Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee.

Resolved to recommend that the community representatives have a separate meeting without Councillors, facilitated by Derby REC to discuss and prepare a response to the recommendations in the Advisory Committee Review.

06/06 Area and Neighbourhood Working

The Committee received a presentation from Sharon Squires, Director of Derby Community Partnership, which outlined the progress made on developing area and neighbourhood working, and identified critical issues

Resolved to note the report and receive an update on progress at a future meeting.

07/06 Fairness at Work Complaints April 2005 – March 2006

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

08/06 Complaints Dealt with Under the Corporate Complaints Procedure - 2005/06

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

09/06 Derby Homes – Racial Incidents

The Committee considered a report from Maqsood Shah, Harassment Response Officer, Derby Homes which detailed how Derby Homes had made efforts over the last 12 months to improve the consistency in completing the harassment reporting form and harassment investigation report form. The report showed that 41 harassment complaints had been received over the last 12 months.

Under CP80 the Chair agreed to adjourn the meeting. This item and the following items were deferred.

10/06 Forward Plan

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

11/06 Consultation Strategy

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

12/06 MECAC Newsletter

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

13/06 MECAC Work Programme

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of MECAC

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed