

Summary of consultation on the review of the Advisory Committees

Type of meeting	Date	Who invited and nos attending	Summary of outcome
			Management of the Advisory Committees moved from Equalities Unit to the Consultation Support Team in 2004. Agreed to review the way the committees operated.
Community Regeneration Commission	2005	Wide ranging review of the first City-wide Consultation Strategy.	Raised issues about the quality of consultation with equality target groups and the way that the Advisory Committees were used.
Focus group 1	30/01/06	Members of the three Advisory Committees were invited to attend either of the two focus groups.	Raised issues about length of agenda and time given to consult 'constituents' prior to meeting. Membership needs to be more representative, such as DPAC needs mental health and learning disability representation
Focus group 2	31/01/06	Members of the three Advisory Committees were invited to attend either of the two focus groups.	Raised issues about report styles and the need for more accessible reports. Discussed Chair and Vice-Chair roles and agreed Chair to be Councillor and vice Chair committee member.
Elected members meeting	02/02/06	Elected members attended this meeting Chaired by the Leader of the Council, with presentation by Andrew Auld, Head of Communications and Consultation	Raised issue about having three committees and not willing to have 2 further committees. Willing to consult with religious or belief and LGBT organisations as required, through existing forums.
Discussion with LGBT groups	March and April 2006	Phone discussions about participating in a 'gender group' with ARC and Derbyshire Friend	Unwilling, thought it would be inappropriate. Willing to be consulted through support groups as and when.

Appendix 2

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Feedback to DPAC	02/03/06	Advisory Committee meeting.	Requested more detailed information about the proposals. A special meeting was requested.
Special meeting for DPAC	18/05/06	6 members	Concerned that disabled people were not really 'heard', concerned about loss of formal power but welcomed a more thorough consultative approach.
Feedback to WAC	04/04/06	Advisory Committee meeting	Accepted the proposals and requested final proposal details when available.
Feedback to MECAC	30/03/06	Advisory Committee meeting	Requested a special meeting to consider details of proposal.
Special meeting to MECAC 1	11/05/06	5 members	Concerned about new membership, loss of committee status and asked that Chair and Vice Chair be from DCC. Because so few people attended a 2 nd special meeting was offered.
Special meeting to MECAC 2	21/06/06	4 members – 1 attended MECAC 1 too	Similar concerns raised from MECAC 1. Requested sub group meetings to agree details of the process from which new Forums will operate.