

Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee

Agenda and Reports
for consideration on

Thursday, 24th April 2008

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 7.00 pm



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16 April 2008

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

ETHNIC MINORITIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 24th April 2008 commencing at 7.00 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Chamber from 6.30pm to allow a networking opportunity for members prior to the start of the meeting.

If you to raise a question or relevant issue at the meeting, please notify Tony Uren either by e-mail to tony.uren@chorley.gov.uk or by telephone on 01257 515122 not later than 12 noon on 24 April.

I hope that you will be able to attend the meeting on Thursday, 24th April 2008.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome by the Chair (Councillor Hasina Khan)**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Council Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the interest arises **only** as result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

4. **Minutes of last meeting**
 - a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee held on 20 February 2008 (enclosed). (Pages 1 - 4)
 - b) Matters arising not otherwise covered on agenda
5. **Play Strategy for Chorley**

Mr Tom Watson, Chair of the Chorley Play Partnership, has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss with the Committee the proposals for inclusive play in the Play

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Strategy for Chorley.

(Approx 15 minutes will be allowed for this item)

6. **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

Mr Keith Warren, the Chair of the Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Association, has been invited to make a short presentation to the Committee to highlight the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch schemes for all communities.

(Approx 15 minutes will be allowed for this item)

7. **Consultative Committee Survey**

Following the discussions at recent meetings of the Consultative Committee, a small number of questionnaires was sent to each member for completion by five or six community residents. The survey sought the views of Chorley's minority ethnic communities on the level of services currently provided in the Borough, the accessibility of services and suggested priority improvements.

Sarah Dobson, Chorley Council's Performance Advisor, will report to the meeting the results of her preliminary analysis of the survey responses.

(Approx 10 minutes will be allowed for this item)

8. **Plans for new Community Fire Station in Chorley**

Mr N Sharif, Community Outreach Officer with the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, will report on proposals to construct a new Fire Station in Chorley that will include a community room to be made available for use by Community Groups, etc.

(Approx 5 minutes will be allowed for this item)

9. **Chorley Khuka Welfare Association**

Mr Yaqoob Illahi will be invited to update the Committee on the Chorley Khuka Welfare Association's promotion of the sports facilities for children and young people.

(Approx 10 minutes will be allowed for this item)

10. **Dosti Men's Forum**

The Vice-Chair (Ayuub Patel) will be invited to update the Committee on the activities of the Men's Forum.

Feedback from other community groups will also be welcomed.

(Approx 10 minutes will be allowed for this item)

11. **Questions**

To consider any questions notified by the Consultative Committee members in advance of the meeting.

(Approx 5 minutes will be allowed for this item)

12. **Future Consultation Arrangements**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) will report at the meeting.

13. **Any other business**

Yours sincerely

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