

Disability Liaison Group

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

**Wednesday, 9th January
2008**

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 7.00 pm



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3 January 2008

Dear Councillor/Colleague,

DISABILITY LIAISON GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Disability Liaison Group to be held in the Lancasterian, Town Hall, Chorley on Wednesday, 9th January 2008 commencing at 7.00 pm.

I hope you will be able to attend.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome by the Chair**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of Any Interests (Councillors only)**

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 (Pages 1 - 26)**

To consider the minutes of meeting of the Disability Liaison Group held on 10 October 2007.

A schedule is enclosed listing issues that have been considered at past meetings of the Liaison Group and summarising the action that has either been taken by Officers or is proposed to be instigated on matters in respect of Pavements, Dropped Kerbs, Road Crossings, General Highway Issues, Parking and Other Issues.

5. Options for the waste and recycling contract

What is the purpose of the item?

Officers from Waste Management will attend to provide an update on the re-letting of the Waste Management Contract and how this impacts upon people with disabilities in the Borough. This will include a demonstration of receptacles to be used for general collections.

Officers wish to gain the group's view on how well the assisted collection service currently operates with a view to improving this through the re-letting of the contract and to gain a more detailed understanding of the issues experienced by those with disabilities around the waste collection service and how these can be addressed going forward.

Questions for the Group:

Assisted Collection Scheme

1. How well does the scheme currently operate?
2. How could the scheme be improved?
3. Is the scheme targeting the right individuals?
4. Should we involve the PCT and/or social services in identifying potential beneficiaries of the scheme?
5. Could we get views on if people would object to being contacted to ask them whether they still require assisted collection?
6. Question for officers - How is the scheme currently maintained, do we have any proposals for the future?

New Contract

7. What is the group's feeling about the proposed containers?
8. Would there be a need for different containers for certain groups/ individuals?
9. What are the major issues in terms of receptacles blocking the street? How would this best be addressed- e.g. guidance for Householders?
10. What experience do members of the group have of contacting the Council about the service- how could this be improved?

General

11. Is there anything we could do to facilitate improved recycling for this group?
12. Would large print calendars be helpful to members of the group?

What are we going to do with the information?

Current experience of contacting the service will be fed straight back to those responsible for delivery so that processes can be adjusted if necessary and this information will be incorporated into training.

Additional information will be fed into the contract letting process to ensure that any current problems are addressed and we have strong mechanism for addressing where this is failing. The new contract will be operational as of April 2009.

The Group will be given the opportunity to feed into the monitoring of the contract on an on going basis which will help us to understand whether the issues raised have been fully addressed and take action as necessary.

6. **Changes to Housing Benefits**

What is the purpose of the item?

Officers from Housing Benefits will attend to update the group on changes to benefits rules and how this may impact upon them and those they represent. To seek the advice of members of the group on what we may be able to do to mitigate any impact on particular groups and individuals of changes.

Questions for the Group:

1. Do members of the group know of any groups or individuals who may be particularly vulnerable as a result of these changes and what we can do to mitigate this?
2. Do members of the group know of any key contacts we may need to be in touch with on this matter?

What are we going to do with the information?

The Council will contact any groups identified and feed information about potential impact into processes.

7. **Update on Astley Park, Council website and Planning Issues Sub-Group**

What is the purpose of the item?

To agree a way forward with the group about how they would like to see consultation operate.

Questions for the Group:

1. Which types of planning applications do they group feel it is most important that they are consulted with regards to on specific disability issues? General categories?
2. Are there particular triggers which would necessitate consultation with the group?
3. What is the preferred method for consultation?
4. Would the group have any objections to being part of a general consultation mechanism?
5. What assistance would members of the group require to become involved in the process?
6. How much time could members of the group give to becoming involved in consultation?
7. What type of feedback would the group require- at quarterly meetings?

What are we going to do with the information?

Whatever consultation methodology is agreed as the most beneficial/ manageable will be implemented.

8. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent**

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Yours sincerely

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Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Disability Liaison Group Councillor David Dickinson (Chair) and Councillors Nora Ball, Catherine Hoyle, Rosie Russell, Iris Smith and Ralph Snape for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Members of the Disability Forum.
3. Agenda and reports to Lesley-Ann Fenton (Assistant Chief Executive), Gary Hall (Director of Finance), Paul Whittingham (Development Control Manager), Jo Oliver (Waste and Contaminated Land Team Leader), Dave Price (Revenues and Benefits Manager), Alan Capstick (Engineering Services, LCC), Sarah Dobson (Performance Advisor - Corporate and Customer) and Ruth Hawes (Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Sergeant A Beardmore, Chorley Police.

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