

# **Equality Forum**

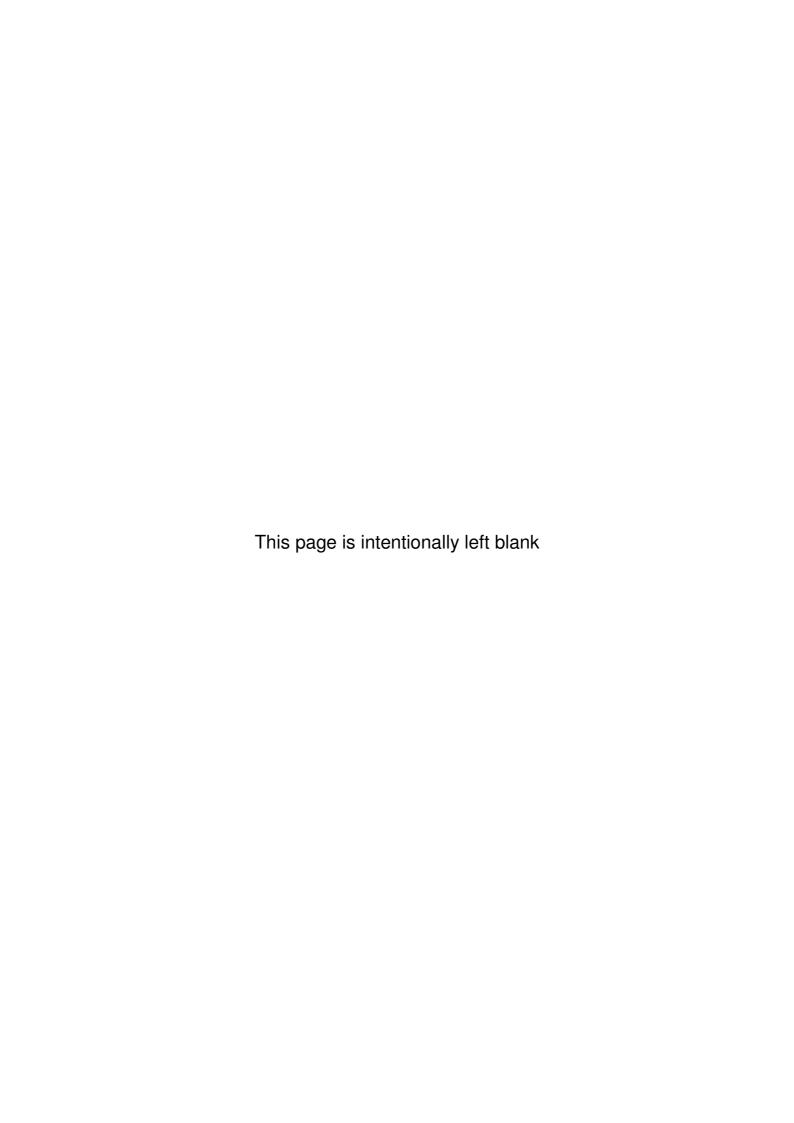
Agenda and Reports
For consideration on

# Wednesday, 19th November 2008

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm







Town Hall Market Street Chorley Lancashire PR7 1DP

Dear Colleague, 10 November 2008

# **EQUALITY FORUM - WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2008**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on <u>Wednesday</u>, 19th November 2008 commencing at 6.30 pm.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting and invite people to introduce themselves and the organisation they represent.

# 2. Apologies for absence

# 3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 10 September 2008 (enclosed). The schedule outlining queries raised at the last meeting requiring a more detailed response is also enclosed.

a) Neighbourhood Working - update (Pages 13 - 16)

An update from the neighbourhood working item at the last meeting is enclosed for information.

#### 4. <u>Information on funding streams 6.35pm</u>

Sara Cooper, External Funding Officer at Chorley Council will present this item.

#### What is the purpose of the item?

To discuss funding streams which are applicable to most of the members of the Forum, including Grassroots Grant, Reaching Communities and Awards for All.

#### Questions for the Forum

Are Forum members aware of the website:

www.open4community.info/chorley/default.aspx

In what areas are the Forum interested in finding funding for?

#### What are we going to do with the information?

Provide assistance with signposting information and research.

Sara can be contacted on <a href="mailto:sara.cooper@chorley.gov.uk">sara.cooper@chorley.gov.uk</a> or 01257 515109.

#### 5. Chorley Transport and Services Accessibility Plan 6.55pm

Julian Jackson, Planning Policy Manager at Chorley Council will present this item.

# What is the purpose of the item?

To inform the Forum of the Council's plans and progress on transport and service accessibility issues.

# Questions for the Forum

To receive feedback from the Forum on the plans and progress

# What are we going to do with the information?

Although there is a planned approach to implementation the action plan can be prioritised to take into account responses from consultation.

#### 6. Streetscene Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry 7.15pm

Ishbel Murray, Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) at the Council will attend to receive feedback from the Forum on the ongoing Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry into streetscene.

#### Questions for the Forum

The Council undertake grass cutting and mowing activities, street cleansing activities using street sweepers, tree and shrub pruning activities - what particular issues do we have to be mindful of when we are organising and undertaking these street scene operations?

The Council provide for and empty litter bins - these range from floor mounted bins, dog waste bins, small bins located on poles - what particular improvements, if any, could we make to this particular street scene activity?

#### 7. Forward plan of agenda items 7.25pm (Pages 17 - 18)

The Forum will consider a report on the forward plan of agenda items drawn up from the discussions, flip chart notes and question cards at the last meeting.

# 8. Sub-Groups 7.35pm

The Chair will update the Forum on the newly established rurality subgroup.

# 9. Networking break 7.40pm

# 10. Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand 7.50pm

A period of up to half an hour in total will be allowed.

- a) Age
- b) <u>Disability</u>
- c) <u>Ethnicity</u>
- d) Faith
- e) Gender
- f) Rurality
- g) <u>Sexuality</u>

### 11. Notices / Feedback / Publicity

Members of the Forum are welcome to inform other members of upcoming event, give feedback or notices.

# 12. Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent

Yours sincerely

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