

Equality Forum

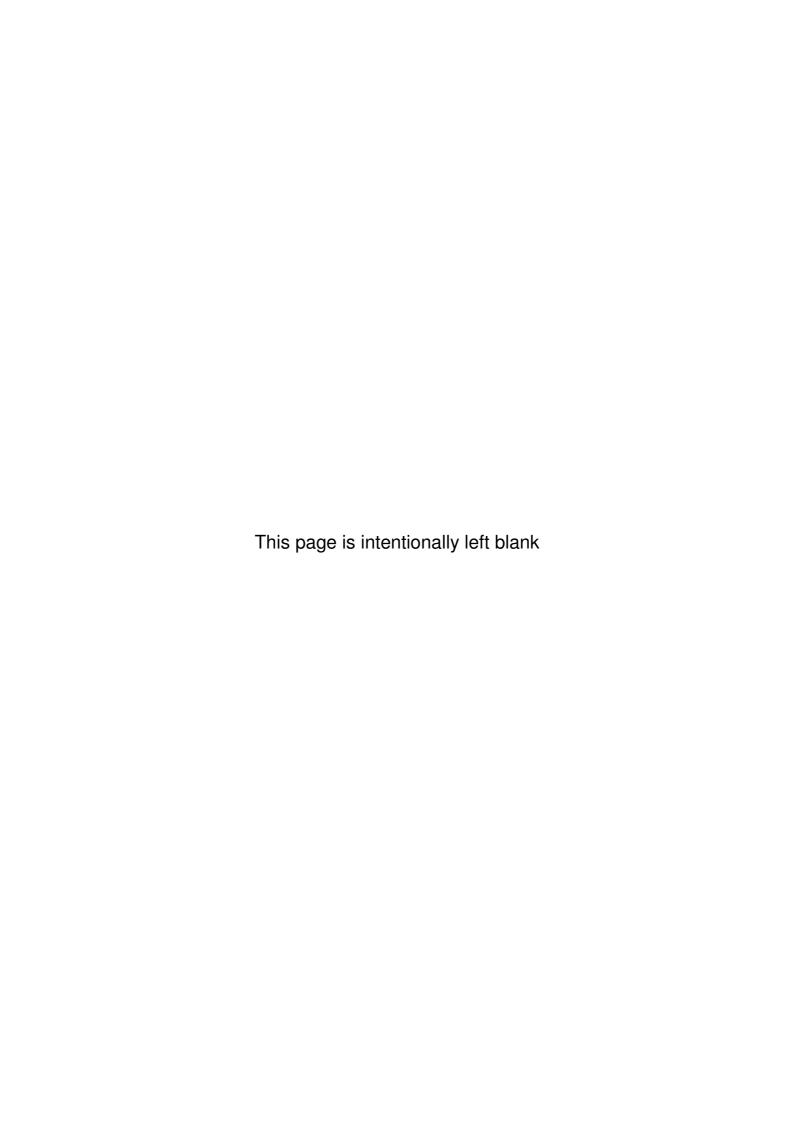
Agenda and Reports
For consideration on

Wednesday, 21st January 2009

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm







Town Hall Market Street Chorley Lancashire PR7 1DP

Dear Councillor 7 January 2009

EQUALITY FORUM - WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2009

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>21st January 2009</u> commencing at 6.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 19th November 2008 (enclosed). The schedule outlining queries raised at the last meeting requiring a more detailed response is also enclosed.

4. **Equity in Resilience 6.35pm**

Kerry Maguire, the Council's Emergency Planning Assistant, will present this item.

What is the purpose of the item?

To outline the work of the Emergency Planning Team and the need for public awareness to Civil Resilience. To discuss the importance of warning the public what to do in the event of an emergency.

Questions for the Forum

Would any groups be willing to disseminate civil resilience material to their group/associates?

Is there interest from groups to receive information and/or the provision of assistance to engage with the various groups within the wider community of Chorley?

What are we going to do with the information?

On the basis of information provided it will enable the Council to understand the needs of specific groups and eliminate incorrect presumptions being made, it will also give insight into future work streams with regards to warning and informing for vulnerable persons.

5. Information from Runshaw College 6.55pm

Deanna Hartley-Davis from Runshaw College will present this item.

What is the purpose of the item?

To inform the Forum what equality and diversity means at Runshaw College.

Questions for the Forum

Do Forum members have any ideas for further improvements?

What are we going to do with the information?

Feedback will inform future work at Runshaw around equality and diversity.

6. Forward plan of agenda items 7.15pm (Pages 11 - 12)

The Forum will consider a report on the forward plan of agenda items.

7. Networking break 7.20pm

8. Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand 7.35pm

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>

9. Notices / Feedback / Publicity

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

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

Yours sincerely

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