



Equality Forum

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 9th July 2009

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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Dear Councillor

30 June 2009

EQUALITY FORUM - THURSDAY, 9TH JULY 2009

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancasterian, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 9th July 2009 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 - 8)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 23 April 2009 (enclosed). The schedule is enclosed outlining queries raised at the last meeting and since the last meeting. Please note that queries requiring a more detailed response will be updated at the meeting.

4. **Update on Rurality Task Group 6.40 pm**

Jim Weightman will update the Forum on the findings of the Rurality Task Group.

What is the purpose of the item?

To update the Equality Forum on the findings of the Rurality Task and Finish group that was set up to look at access to services in rural areas, including the forms of community transport currently available.

Questions for the Forum

Feedback on the findings of the task and finish group will be greatly received.

What are we going to do with the information?

Jim will outline the bid we are going to submit to the Rural Development Fund to improve community transport in rural areas.

Jim can be contacted on jim.weightman@chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515341

5. **Equality and Diversity at Chorley Council 7 pm**

Claire Thompson, Performance, Partnership & Equality Manager will present this item.

What is the purpose of the item?

To outline Chorley Council's approach to equality and diversity in all its services

To inform the Equality Forum on the key recommendations of the council's Equality Standard for Local Government review

To review the progress of the Equality Forum over the last year

Questions for the Forum

What do you like about the Equality Forum?

How can we improve the Equality Forum as the council's main consultation tool with equality groups?

What are we going to do with the information?

The information will be used to improve the way we consult with diverse groups of people living in Chorley and will help shape the future of the Equality Forum

Claire can be contacted on claire.thompson@chorley.gov.uk or 01257 515348.

6. **Networking break 7.20 pm**

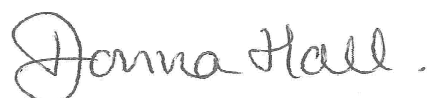
7. **Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand 7.40 pm**
 - a) Age
 - b) Disability
 - c) Ethnicity
 - d) Faith
 - e) Gender
 - f) Rurality
 - g) Sexuality

8. **Notices / Feedback / Publicity 8.10 pm**

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

9. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent 8.20 pm**

Yours sincerely



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