



# Equality Forum

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

## Monday, 19th October 2009

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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Dear Councillor

13 October 2009

## **EQUALITY FORUM - MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2009**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on Monday, 19th October 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 - 16)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 9 July 2009 (enclosed). The schedule is enclosed outlining queries raised at the last meeting.

4. **Equality Forum feedback 6.50 PM**

Councillor Greg Morgan, Chair of the Equality Forum will present this item.

What is the purpose of the item?

To feedback comments received at the last Equality Forum on 19 July 2009.

## Questions for the Forum?

Any further feedback on the improvements made.

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

We will be establishing a Task and Finish Group to look at disabled access to the town centre.

We are working to establish a Task and Finish Group to look at increasing the ethnic minority representation at the Forum.

## 5. **Disability Discrimination Act Audit of Council Premises 6.40 PM**

Garry Hall, Assistant Chief Executive (Business and Transformation) will present this item.

## What is the purpose of the item?

Chorley Council has a statutory duty under the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) to ensure that our buildings are accessible to disabled people.

We have undertaken the first phase of an audit of our buildings, and would like to share the results with the Equality Forum. We will also share the proposed schedule of works that we envisage may need to be carried out, and the order in which we intend to do this work.

## Questions for the Forum?

Based on these initial findings, how do you think we should priorities the work that needs to be done?

Do these initial findings address any of your concerns about disabled access to Council owned buildings?

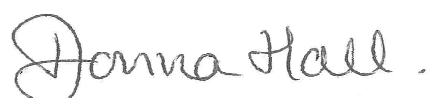
## What are we going to do with the information?

We will use both your feedback and the findings of our DDA audit to inform the order of the work that needs to be carried out, and to take into consideration the views of people with disabilities in making the improvements needed to these sites.

6. **Networking break 7 PM**
7. **Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand 7.15 PM**
  - a) Age
  - b) Disability
  - c) Ethnicity
  - d) Faith
  - e) Gender
  - f) Rurality
  - g) Sexuality
8. **Notices / Feedback / Publicity 7.45 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**

Yours sincerely



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