

Equality Forum

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Monday, 26th April 2010

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

In the Oak Room, Woodlands Conference Centre
Southport Road, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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Dear Councillor

15 April 2010

EQUALITY FORUM - MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 2010

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Oak Road, Woodlands Conference Centre, Southport Road, Chorley, PR7 1QR on Monday, 26th April 2010 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 - 12)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 19 January 2010 (enclosed). A schedule outlining queries raised at the last meeting is also enclosed (page 11).

4. **Task and Finish Group on Town Centre Accessibility**

Judith Daniels (Disability Forum) and Sarah James (Performance, Partnership and Equalities Manager) will present the findings and outcomes of the Task and Finish Group on Town Centre Accessibility.

What is the purpose of the item?

The purpose of this item is to report back to the Equality Forum on the review of the Town Centre Accessibility. This presentation will include the process undertaken, the outcomes of the review and the resulting action plan for the Town Centre.

What are we going to do with the information?

We will ensure that this action plan is carried out within the timescales specified. This will ensure improvements are made to town centre accessibility.

Sarah James can be contact on tel: 01257 515348 or email sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk.

5. **Umeed Domestic Violence Steering Group**

Cindy Bolton will give a presentation on the work of the Unmeed Domestic Steering Group.

What is the purpose for the item?

To raise awareness of Umeed and the need to address the issue of women and children fleeing domestic violence who have no recourse to public funds.

Questions for the Forum

Since the launch of the national Home Office strategy 'Together we can end violence against women and girls' what is being done locally by local statutory and public bodies, and in particular, what plans are being made to address the issue of women and children fleeing domestic violence who have no recourse to public funds?

What are you going to do with the information?

We intend to use the information to inform members of Umeed, who in turn will inform their local communities. We also intend to use the information to seek external funding to meet local need in our communities to support women and children fleeing domestic violence who have no recourse to public funds.

Cindy Bolton can be contacted by email on cindy.bolton@chorleyandsouthribblecvs.co.uk.

6. **Allotments and Community Growing Report 2009 (Pages 13 - 44)**

Martin Walls (Head of Streetscene Services) will give a short overview of the Allotments and Community Growing Agenda. A full report is contained within the agenda.

What is the purpose of this item?

This item is in response to the request for information at a previous Equality Forum and links in to the rurality strand.

Martin Walls can be contacted on 01257 515250 or email martin.walls@chorley.gov.uk .

7. **Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand**

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

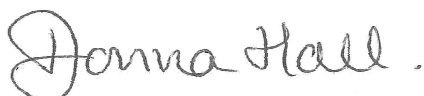
8. **Notices / Feedback / Publicity**

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**

10. **Networking break**

Yours sincerely



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