

# Equality Forum

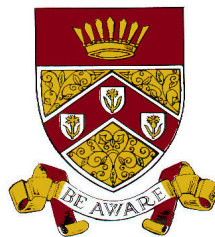
Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

**Monday, 11th April 2011**

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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Dear Councillor

01 April 2011

## **EQUALITY FORUM - MONDAY, 11TH APRIL 2011**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on Monday, 11th April 2011 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 - 18)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Equality Forum held on 18 January 2011 (enclosed). A schedule is enclosed outlining queries raised at the last meeting (pages 9-10).

**4. Concessionary Travel**

There will be a presentation by Tony Moreton from Lancashire County Council on concessionary travel.

What is the purpose of this item?

To inform members of the Forum on the current provision of concessionary travel. The forthcoming changes, why they are being implemented and what impact these changes will have on the services provided to customers in Chorley.

Tony Moreton can be contacted by email on [tony.moreton@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:tony.moreton@lancashire.gov.uk)

5. **Chorley Council's approach to Equality - the new Equality Scheme**

There will be a presentation by Sarah James on Chorley Council's approach to Equality and Diversity

What is the purpose of this item?

This item will provide an overview of Chorley Council's approach to Equality and Diversity. It is in response to a question asked at the last meeting regarding Chorley Council's approach to training. It will inform the Forum of the current processes in place, and of our plans for meeting the new equality legislation.

Questions for the Forum

Are there any additional actions that we should be undertaking to ensure that we meet our commitments and customers needs in relation to equality and diversity?

What are we going to do with the information?

Any responses that would assist with meeting our commitments to equality and diversity will be considered alongside the implementation of the action plan 2011/12.

Sarah James can be contacted on 01257 515348 or email [sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk)

6. **Town Centre Accessibility Action Plan Update (Pages 19 - 26)**

3a The Town Centre Accessibility Action Plan Update is enclosed.

Some actions are complete, however, there are other significant pieces of work including the Flat Iron development that are ongoing, and that we will continue to update the Equality Forum. In the meantime, if there are any new service issues relating to the town centre, please can they be reported through the Chorley Council contact centre – 01257 515151, [contact@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:contact@chorley.gov.uk), or if there are any issues relating to maintaining roads, footways and public footpaths, please contact Lancashire County Council on 0845 053 0011

3b Buckshaw Village Surgery – Verbal update from Eileen Bee, Disability Forum.

**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

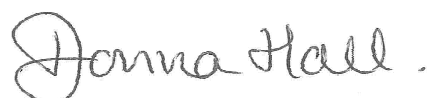
**8. Notices / Feedback / Publicity**

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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2. Agenda and reports to Sarah James (Performance, Partnership and Equality Manager), Donna Hall (Chief Executive Chorley Council), Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy), Gary Hall (Director of Transformation), Chris Sinnott (Head of Policy), Cathryn Barrett (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Val Hall (BSL Interpreter) and Catherine Moxon (BSL Interpreter) for attendance.
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