

Equality Forum

Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Present: Councillor Greg Morgan (Chair), Councillor David Dickinson (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Hasina Khan and Steve Murfitt

Officers: Chris Sinnott (Head of Policy and Communications), Sarah James (Partnerships Manager) and Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Partner officers: Peter Cogley (Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service), Jeanette Hickey (Lancashire Constabulary) and Stephanie Iaconianni (Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Also in attendance: Eileen Bee (Disability Forum Co-ordinator), Ginny Jones (Chorley Pensioners Association), Barry Moss, Marilyn Porter (Crossroads) and Geoff Smith (Lancashire MIND)

11.EF.12 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Due to the low attendance, and following a short discussion and agreement with members of the Equality Forum present, the Chair deviated from the formal agenda, announcing that the presentations listed on the agenda would be heard at a future meeting. The Chair then invited members of the Equality Forum to raise any questions:

- **Geoff Smith queried where the location of the new psychiatric hospital would be located as the original location had been rescinded.**

The Council has since received a response from Clive Taylor from Lancashire Care Trust who advised that there was an understanding that a new psychiatric hospital would be built in Central Lancashire, the location for which was not yet known.

11.EF.13 NOTICES / FEEDBACK / PUBLICITY

Jeannie Stirling advised that the next meeting of the Chorley Voluntary Community and Faith Sector Forum (VCFS) would take place on Tuesday, 29 November at 4pm at St Mary's Church, Chorley. Anyone wishing to attend would be most welcome.

Chair