



Equality Forum

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 11th October 2012

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm

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Dear Councillor

03 October 2012

EQUALITY FORUM - THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 11th October 2012 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 - 10)**

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Equality Forum held on 5 July 2012.

4. **Feedback from interactive session**

The Chair of the Equality Forum, Councillor Hasina Khan, will introduce this item.

The Forum will receive:

1. A re-cap of key themes and ideas from the interactive session in July
2. Feedback on draft Equality Forum action plan
3. Update on progress made since last meeting

5. **Health and Wellbeing - interactive item**

The Chair of the Equality Forum, Councillor Hasina Khan, will introduce this item.

Members of the Forum will be asked to split in to small groups to discuss the importance of leading a healthier lifestyle.

What is the purpose of this item?

1. To raise general awareness of the importance of health and wellbeing and the different factors affecting the different equality strands.
2. To consider any barriers Forum members may face in trying to lead a healthier lifestyle
3. To raise awareness of the different activities and facilities available within Chorley, to encourage healthier lifestyles.

6. **Networking break**

7. **Update on the taxi driver survey and work with drivers**

Alan Harper, Community Safety Officer for Chorley Council

What is the purpose of this item?

To update members on the recent taxi driver survey, which had been raised at previous meetings of the Equality Forums. It will also feedback to the group on recent work done by the Council's Community Safety Team alongside the Police to understand the concerns of taxi drivers, particularly Asian drivers, and put in place solutions to address any issues.

Questions for the Forum?

There are no specific questions for the Forum although any feedback is welcomed and will be considered as part of future work in this area.

Alan Harper can be contacted on 01257 515334 or by email on alan.harper@chorley.gov.uk.

8. Town Centre Consultation

Victoria Willets will introduce this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

To make Forum members aware of a future consultation on proposed changes to traffic and parking arrangements in the Town Centre as part of a new scheme that aims to increase footfall and improve trade in the Town Centre. Members of the Equality Forum will be invited to give their comments on the proposals. Further details on the consultation process to be provided at the meeting.

The consultation details will be circulated with the minutes from this meeting by Cath Burns, Head of Economic Development for Chorley Council who can be contacted on 01257 515305 or email cath.burns@chorley.gov.uk.

9. Proposal for future task and finish group

What is the purpose of this item?

This item is to assess the level of interest in a future domestic violence task and finish group. The issue of domestic violence amongst equality groups has been raised at previous Equality Forum meetings.

Questions for the Forum?

Forum members are asked to consider whether they would be interested in taking part in this group.

10. Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand

a) Age

DEFINITION: Where this is referred to, it refers to a person belonging to a particular age (e.g. 32 year olds) or range of ages (e.g. 18 - 30 year olds).

b) Disability

DEFINITION: A person has a disability if s/he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

c) Gender Reassignment

DEFINITION: The process of transitioning from one gender to another.

d) Pregnancy and Maternity

DEFINITION: Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant or expecting a baby. Maternity refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, and this includes treating a woman unfavourably because she is breastfeeding.

e) Race

DEFINITION: Refers to the protected characteristic of Race. It refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.

f) Religion and Belief

DEFINITION: Religion has the meaning usually given to it but belief includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (e.g. Atheism). Generally, a belief should affect your life choices or the way you live for it to be included in the definition.

g) Rurality

DEFINITION: Members of a rural population.

h) Sex

DEFINITION: A man or a woman

i) Sexual Orientation

DEFINITION: Whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes.

11. **Notices / Feedback / Publicity**

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

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

13. **Dates of Future Meetings**

Future meetings of the Equality Forum will be held on the following dates:

- 21 January 2013
- 18 April 2013

All meetings will commence at 6.30pm and be held in the Lancastrian Room, Town Hall, Chorley unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

Yours sincerely



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Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Equality Forum Councillor Hasina Khan (Chair), Councillor Steve Murfitt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Cronshaw, Alison Hansford, Steve Holgate and Rosie Russell for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Chris Sinnott (Head of Policy and Communications), Victoria Willett (Partnership Officer), Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Val Hall (BSL Interpreter),

Tracy Gibson (BSL Interpreter), Gary Hall (Chief Executive) and Catherine Moxon (BSL Interpreter) for attendance.

3. Agenda and reports to Members of the Equality Forum for attendance.

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