

Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Wednesday, 25th April 2007

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 7.00 pm



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Dear Councillor

ETHNIC MINORITIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL 2007

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Wednesday, 25th April 2007 commencing at 7.00 pm.

You will recall that, as part of our attempts to engage more proactively with minority ethnic communities, Committee members are now able to invite a friend to accompany them and to table questions at the meeting. If you expect to be accompanied or wish to raise a question or relevant issue at the meeting, please notify Tony Uren either by e-mail to tony.uren@chorley.gov.uk or by telephone on 01257 515122 not later than 12 noon on 25 April.

I hope that you will be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, 25th April 2007.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome by Chair (Councillor P Malpas)**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Council Members of the Committee are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members' Code of Conduct. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual Member should not participate in a discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the Council Chamber and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

4. **Minutes of Last Meeting**
 - a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee held on 24 January 2007 (enclosed).
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 - b) Matters arising not otherwise covered on agenda.
5. **Role and Effectiveness of Consultative Committee**

The Sub-Group set up at the last meeting of the Consultative Committee to review

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the role and effectiveness of the Committee is due to meet shortly. Its recommendations on the means by which the Committee can evolve into a more proactive body will be submitted to the next meeting.

6. **Best Value Residents' Survey, 2006**

The Borough Council has recently received a report of the findings of the triennial Best Value Survey of residents' overall general satisfaction with the Council's services conducted by MORI in 2006.

The Council's Performance Advisor (Corporate and Customer) will advise the Committee of the survey's findings on those services affected by the Authority's equality and diversity policies, and will seek the Committee's views on how best to respond to the findings.

7. **Equality Scheme**

The Performance Advisor (Corporate and Customer) will update the Committee on the current position in relation to the Equality Scheme.

8. **Training Programme, 2007**

The Consultative Committee's views will be sought on any specific areas or issues on which the future training programme for Members and Officers should be focused.

9. **Community Cohesion Multi Agency Diversity Incidents Panel**

The Performance Advisor (Corporate and Customer) will report proposals for the revision of the format and operation of the Panel.

10. **Asian Women's Forum**

Councillor Hasina Khan will be invited to report progress on:

- the outcome of recent funding bids;
- current projects and activities; and
- other initiatives being pursued in the Borough.

11. **Dosti Men's Forum**

To receive an update report on the arrangements for the launch of the Forum.

12. **Events**

The Performance Advisor (Corporate and Customer) will report on:

- feedback from the memorial service and civic event held on Saturday, 27 January 2007 to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day; and
- proposals for the arrangement of the Multi-Faith Event to be held later in 2007.

13. **Questions**

To consider any questions notified by the Consultative Committee members in advance of the meeting.

14. **Any other business**

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 3 July 2007 at 7.00pm.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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