Equality Forum Q&A 26 April 2010

1. Estelle Brown drew concern to the red/orange pavement on Chapel Street being uneven and a trip hazard.

Chapel Street is inspected by Capita on a regular basis and any defects will be reported to the Highways Superintendent for action. Maintenance in this area is challenging and almost continuous and this would be diminished if areas that are regularly highlighted as defects could be replaced with tarmac but this would not be aesthetically pleasing.

2. Councillor Iris Smith stated that the fire doors in the Town Hall and those into the Lancastrian are very heavy.

An update will be provided at the meeting.

3. Councillor Iris Smith advised that the entrance to the White Hart public house, in front of the garage, that the kerb rose up at a gradient and that she had fallen.

An update will be provided at the meeting.

4. The results of the Town Centre Accessibility Task and Finish group will be shared with the Town Centre businesses.

This has now been shared with Conrad Heald, Town Centre and Markets Manager for Chorley Council to liaise with Town Centre businesses and share the groups findings.

5. Councillor Iris Smith requested the number of people on the waiting list for an allotment in 2008.

The number of people on the waiting list for allotments on 1 June 2008 stood at 198, by 31 December 2008 this had increased to 278.

6. Estelle Brown had requested a dropped kerb outside her home and the renewal of double yellow lines on the Silvester Road turning circle.

These two issues have been delayed due to administration errors within the Environment Services team. They are now being addressed and the work will be completed as soon as possible. The engineer has been in contact with Mrs Brown to apologise for the delay.