

## **Northampton Borough Council - Northampton LGBT and Q People's Forum**

**Tuesday, 24 January 2017**

**Present:** Cllr Anna King (Chair, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement), Matthew (Community Co-chair), John, Zoe, Bernie (Voice), Ron (Voice), Alice (NBC)

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Ben (Unison)

### **2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting agreed as a true record.

#### **Matters arising**

Fostering event – NCF have agreed that the left over funding can be used to create a resource pack to be circulated – work in progress.

Winter Pride – a Celebrate Lottery bid was submitted for this but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Feedback was not very clear.

### **3. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR ELECTION**

Matthew Toresen was re-elected as Community Co-Chair of the Forum.

### **4. VOICE - BERNIE AND RON**

A presentation was circulated – please see for further information.

Ron, a volunteer Case Worker for Victim Support / Voice for the last 10 years, explained that the service supports victims of any crime, and are here for any communities.

#### **Questions**

Cllr King – is there a maximum time you spend with clients?

A: No maximum period of time – as long as the victim requires support.

John – does the service work directly with Military Veterans?

John to share details of Pat Haslam for support.

Zoe – where do referrals come from?

A: Police, other agencies, or self – referral

Matthew – is there a waiting list?

A: No, usually around a week for an appointment, but contact is made as soon as possible by the case worker.

## 5. ACTION PLANS

See updates on action plans.

## 6. FORUM PRIORITIES FOR 2017

Zoe – Support for groups who seem to be dropping off, and a signposting service for services that are available to support individuals coming out, who are open to new members.

Prioritise updating the Facebook and Website of Forum

John – images of LGBT people, stock images for use in marketing material. Need more real and reflective images for use.

Agreed to put out a call for models to take part, Matthew happy to take the photos.

Attendance at the forum – possibility of using Skype to connect with those who are unable to attend the meeting?

## 7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Alice - There are four consultations currently taking place, which we would like to bring to your attention:

Budget: <http://www.northampton.gov.uk/budget2017>

Taxi and Private Hire Emissions and Age Policy:  
<http://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200063/licensing/2271/taxi-and-private-hire-emissions-and-age-policy>

Environmental Services Review:  
<http://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200040/environmental-health/2207/environmental-services-review>

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/oands2016>

Also, please note that the Partnership Grant is now open for applications, and will be closing on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. More information can be found here:

<http://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200260/community-funding/1946/partnership-fund-grants-scheme>

Also, Alice is leaving her role in the Partnerships and Communities Team, and moving to the Museum services as their Activity Plan Coordinator. The Forum thanked Alice for her support over the last three years.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9 May

12 September

(March, July, and November social meetings. Please contact us for further details)