

# Northampton Disabled People's Forum

Friday, 16 November 2018, 10:30 am -12:30pm

The Holding Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE

## Agenda

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Lucy Somers - iDID Adventure
4. Purple Tuesday
5. International Day of Disabled Persons
6. Community Information Exchange
7. Items for Next and Future Meetings
8. Date of the Future Meetings

18<sup>th</sup> January

22<sup>nd</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> July

13<sup>th</sup> September

15<sup>th</sup> November

Map and directions at: [www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall)

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More information about the Forum generally is at: [www.northampton.gov.uk/forums](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/forums)



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## **Code of Conduct for the Forums**

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

### **1. Meeting Etiquette**

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1** Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2** Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3** Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4** Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5** Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6** Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7** Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8** Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

### **2. Being Objective**

- 2.1** Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2** If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.
- 2.3** Be Fair
- 2.4** You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

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If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at [vrockall@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:vrockall@northampton.gov.uk) or on 01604 837074

## **Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Disabled People's Forum**

**Friday, 14 September 2018**

**The Jeffery Room, The Guildhall, St Giles' Street, NN1 1DE.**

### **Officers at the meeting**

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

**Attendance:** Martin De Rosario (MDR, Chair), Michael Macleod (MM, NBC), Thomas Cliffe (TC, Track NN), Debbie MacColl (DM, NBC), Larry Barber (LB, Individual), Barbara Barber (BB, Individual), Martin Page (MP, DWP), Nicola Gregory (NG, Veolia).

**Apologies:** Will Heckford.

### **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3. THOMAS CLIFFE - TRACK NN LTD**

Tom Cliffe from Track NN gave a background on his career. He worked to get 16-18 year olds who has disabilities into work.

Track NN is a Northamptonshire business.

**ACTION:** MM to send Tom's Track NN presentation out to the forum once received.

The aim of Track NN is to develop awareness of autism and also gain acceptance.

700,000 people in the UK estimated to be on the autistic spectrum with 8000 diagnosed in Northamptonshire.

thomas@track.org.uk

#### **4. NICOLA GREGORY - VEOLIA EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Moved to Westbridge depot to increase the cleanliness of Northampton. Will be heading out to schools to teach people what they are doing. Veolia will be working from the bottom up to try and prevent littering and bad treatment of Northampton and Northampton's green spaces.

Q: How are you settling in as Northampton was in a bit of a mess 90 days ago?

A: There has been some issues with the changeover and some things not being in place, especially with drivers, but everyone is settling in now and working hard to improve the town.

Q: So now you've got past those stumbling blocks are you starting to reach your targets?

A: Yes we are getting there, there are some things that need to be done before everything is complete, such as health and safety training.

Q: Why is cut grass left on the paths? As a disabled person, if this gets wet it is hard to walk on and stay upright.

A: They should not be, they should be blowing it back onto the grassy areas and this will be reports.

The forum also discussed about how sometimes the grass is litter picked before it is cut and sometimes it is not, it should be the case that it is always litter picked first.

TC it is about awareness, if you think there's an issue and nothing is being done about it but actually there is a reason it hasn't been done yet, it helps people understand and change their perspective.

NG all employees have taken the change on well and their all enthusiastic about the change and the fact they now have the right resources.

LB They used to cut the grass in the parks/fields and tip it in the corner instead of it being cut and left everywhere.

NG It should be collected and taken back to the depot.

## **5. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – it is a focus on what people can do.

Track NN are coming and EADs – disability into work.

MENCAP are coming.

Dermot Bailey is coming – GB Wheelchair Tennis player who is in work – he will talk about sports, help with the wheelchair demo and also talk about his experience in the working environment.

Northampton Sailability

NTFC to talk about accessible activities

Polio society

Call care

Errol Flynn will be showing Breathe on International Day for Disabilities.

The objectives are to for disabled people to find out what options are out there.

For employers to understand the potential of people with disabilities.

For people without disability to learn more about what life is like with a disability and gain more understanding.

**ACTION:** DM to contact the blind association, deaf connect, NHFT, mind.

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

### **7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

Emma Mayne to help the forum understand more about the changeover to Universal Credit.

Lucy from iDID is on the next agenda too.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified