

**LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON**  
**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FORUM**  
**THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2007**



**6.30 pm at the**

**Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA**

To all members of the Equality and Diversity Forum:-

*Councillors Margaret Ali, Ruth Dombey,  
Abigail Lock, Pamela Picknett and Misdaq  
Zaidi (Substitutes: Councillors Sean  
Brennan and Brendan Hudson)  
Brother Shafi Chowdhury  
Edwina McCarthy  
Joan Parker  
Pam Davis  
Beau Fadahunsi  
Toby Price  
(vacancy)  
Andy Wilson*

*London Borough of Sutton  
Sutton Faith and Belief Forum  
Physical and Sensory Disabilities Partnership Board  
Sutton Carers' Forum  
Sutton Seniors' Forum  
Black and Minority Ethnic Forum  
Sutton Corporate Parents' Forum  
Sutton Women's Centre  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Group*

Advisers:

*Kevin Biggs  
Kate Evans  
Chief Insp. David Gair  
Alastair Howarth  
Tim Lyth  
Melodie Shelbourne*

*Borough Fire commander  
Learning Services Lead Adviser  
Safer Sutton Partnership  
HM Prison Highdown  
Carshalton College  
Sutton Volunteer Bureau*

*Paul Martin  
Chief Executive  
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## **Reminder – Declaration of Interests**

Members should consider the following interests and whether they have any they should declare.

### **Personal interests:**

Where it can reasonably be thought that a matter will affect the well being of yourself, a friend or relative or an organisation/body with which you are involved, to a greater extent than other people.

In this case you should declare the interest and state the nature of it.

### **Personal and Prejudicial Interests:**

Where a personal interest is thought to be so significant that a member of the public, with knowledge of the facts, would consider it likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest.

In this case you should declare the interest, state the nature of it, and leave the meeting room.

Further information can be found in the Council's Code of Conduct and Protocol. If you are in any doubt as to whether you have an interest you should seek advice before the Committee meeting from either Richard Shortman or Fiona Ledden.

If, during the course of the Committee meeting, you consider you may have an interest you should always declare it.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Any decision taken at this meeting does not become definitive until 10am on the second working day after the meeting. Any four members of the Council may notify the Chief Executive by then if they require a decision to be reviewed. Please contact the Project Manager named on the Agenda frontsheet for further information.*

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTES**

### **2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)**

of the meeting held on 27 September 2007 (ENCLOSURE).

### **3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Further to Minute 15/07, members are reminded that nominations for Vice-Chair must be submitted to the Committee Manager by 5:00 pm on 13 December 2007 (the day of the meeting).

**4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION**

The Head of Strategic Environmental Planning will report orally on the current consultation in respect of the following planning policy documents that will form part of the Local Development Framework:-

- A Core Planning Strategy
- A Sites Development Document
- A Town Centre Plan for Sutton Town Centre

**5. SUTTON EQUALITY SCHEME - PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

Report of the Executive Head of Policy and Communications (ENCLOSURE).  
*(to follow)*

**6. EPSOM AND ST HELIER HOSPITALS ACCESS ISSUES**

Further to Minute 16/07, Ted Gates will report orally on any progress.

**7. MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Further to Minute 22/07, members are again asked to indicate actions by their individual organisations or generally, that could be developed within the Forum and which could make a difference to minority groups in the Borough.

**8. BORDER AND IMMIGRATION AGENCY - DISPERSAL POLICY (Pages 7 - 10)**

Further to Minute 23/07, the Border and Immigration Agency has now provided information regarding its policy of dispersal of applicants seeking asylum or refugee status to localities across the United Kingdom. The Agency's response is attached (ENCLOSURE).

**9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

brought forward at the direction of the Chair, who has approved the reason for urgency.