

Northampton Disabled Peoples Forum

On Wednesday, 16 October 2013 at 5:30 pm until not later than 7:30 pm
in The Holding Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

Agenda

1. **Apologies, Welcomes and Introductions**
2. **Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting (19 February and 3 July 2013)**
Please use the link below to view the Minutes of the previous meeting.

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3. **Terms of Reference - Discussion**
4. **Consultations – Improving the Town’s Parks: Cllr Phil Larratt**
5. **Discussions/Event Planning**
6. **Planning the work of the Forum for 2013/14 incl Items for discussion at the next meeting**
7. **Community Information Exchange**
8. **Dates of future meetings**

Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 5.30pm

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Tuesday 18 February 2014

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The Forum may work in partnership and collaboration with other community groups, councils and local services from time to time. The views expressed and decisions taken by the Forum are not necessarily those of Northampton Borough Council.

Disabled People's Forum

Objectives

1. To promote and sustain effective communication between the Council and disabled people living or working in the Borough.
2. To monitor the effectiveness of the Council's policy and practice in discharging its duties under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and its own Equal Opportunities standard.
3. To facilitate equality of access by disabled people to the services, benefits, and employment related opportunities provided by the Council by:
 - 3.1 providing information in appropriately accessible formats about those services and how to access them;
 - 3.2 identifying and removing barriers, which make services and facilities difficult for disabled people to find out about or to use;
 - 3.3 promoting dialogue between disabled people, individually or collectively, the Council, its Members and senior Officers of the Council about issues of concern to both parties; and
 - 3.4 identifying the specific requirements of disabled people.
4. To provide a Forum in which:
 - 4.1 disabled people can express their needs for, and their views on, services provided by the Council;
 - 4.2 the Council can consult disabled people on policy and service delivery issues affecting disabled people in the Borough; and
 - 4.3 the specific requirements of disabled people can be identified.
5. To promote dialogue between Officers of the Council and disabled people in the Borough.

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

1 JULY 2013

DRAFT CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a Review looking at improving the town's parks and is focussing on improving community engagement within the town's parks. A series of key questions have been put together to inform the Panel's evidence base.

- Which park do you use most often and why?
- Which of the facilities provided in the town's parks are used the most?
- What facilities and services do you feel would bring people into parks that might otherwise not use them?
- Do you feel there are any barriers that stop people from using the town's parks?
- What other services do park users want from the town's parks?
- Are you aware of, and do you use, a local play area in your neighbourhood? Do you know how well this is used and why do you think this is?

It is initially proposed that Park Management Committees are established in Abington Park, Delapre Abbey and the Racecourse, however it is suggested that this initiative is extended further if there is strong evidence of community support. It is proposed that membership of Park Management Committees will be drawn from elected Members, representatives from key community groups (including Friends Groups) and members of the public who are recognised as being active in each of the parks.

- Who should be a key representative on the new Park Management Committees and why?
- In your opinion, what should be the key roles of the Park Management Committees?