

# 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.