

Forum Action Plan						
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr. Larratt and Martin De Rosario		<b>Responsible Forum:</b>	Disabled People's Forum		
<b>Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life</li> <li>Promote integration and cohesion</li> <li>Appropriate support provided to those in most need</li> <li>Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design</li> <li>Future developments informed by the views of local people</li> <li>Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town's heritage and culture</li> </ul>					
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify issues of importance to disabled people who live or work in the Borough, research/discuss issues and decide on outcomes to achieve</li> <li>Promote and sustain effective communication between NBC and disabled people living or working in the Borough.</li> <li>Work towards equality of access by disabled people to services, including accessible formats, removing barriers, promoting dialogue and identifying specific requirements.</li> <li>Promoting partnership working by statutory and voluntary sector organisations, and Disabled People's groups and communities</li> </ul>					
<b>Actions:</b>						
Action	Owner	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
Improve attendance at forum, bringing different groups together to build upon the forum. Including service providers as well as service users.	Partnerships and Communities Team	Continue to promote forum through various networks and communications channels.  Leaflets created. Forum members to distribute across to their contacts. <b>Community Forums logo created.</b>	Ongoing	Nil	% increase at forum	August 2017
Hate Crime Awareness Week	NBC/ Northampton Rights and Equality Council / VIN	Week of activity- Inter forum activity; NBC Forums afternoon tea event to be arranged.  Steering group set up to coordinate activities across community groups and promote through NBC.	October 2017	Event held, no. of attendees	November 2016	August 2017

Disability Awareness Week	Partnerships and Communities Team- NMejer	Awareness raising event, promoting services available. Organisations who participated previously include; Olympus Care Employability Service, Changing Minds (NHFT), Northamptonshire Sport, Local Offer (NCC), Guide Dogs for the Blind, Northamptonshire Polio Fellowship, Door to Door Service. <b>Look to merge with Christmas fair for increased footfall</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017	Nil	Event held and % no attendees	August 2017
Disabled Facilities Grants	AAitken	Help promote the scheme to the community, Support AAitken, Adaptations Manager, to raise awareness. Clive Culling attended July meeting.	Ongoing	Nil		July 2017
Hate Crime work	ALuck/LJepson	Work with LJepson (Crane Project), to set up the forum as a Third Party Reporting Arena, where information can be captured to take to the Police or use part of the data collection to inform national bodies. Can also take 3rd hand information. AL and NM to be trained to take reports- Hate crime to be a regular agenda item to remind everyone of the route to report via the forum.	Ongoing	Nil		May 2017
Major road changes	Highways	Highways to inform Disabled People's Forum about any major road changes. Rejuvenation team in contact.	Ongoing	Nil		April 2017
Carers Week	Aluck	Celebrate and promote on social media- <b>Completed</b>	12-18 June 2017	nil		June 2017