

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Diverse Communities Forum

Thursday, 23 November 2017 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Pauline Woodhouse (Co Chair PW), Jamie Wells (NBC JW), Aimee Luck (NBC AL), Morcea Walker (Individual MW), John Rawlings (Quakers JR) Christian Buckenham (Northants Police CB), Rufia Ashraf (RA), Michael Macleod (NBC MM), Yvette Uylett (Individual YU), Steve Ewer (Individual SE).

Apologies: Diana Belfon, Toby Birch, James Hill and Chris Connearn.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

AL gave update on Stories of Resilience project. Has been incorporated the project in the 16 Days of Activism.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CRIME AND POLICING - KATHRYN CAHALIN, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON

KC wanted to inform the forum of some research on behalf of the PCC and the University of Northampton.

People were asked about their feelings and experiences of crime. Survey still continues and residents are randomly called. Survey has gone online and want to reach a more diverse audience. Want to promote the survey far and wide.

Commissioned to carry out work specifically with ethnic minority groups. Objectives to identify police and prioritises, engagement and development. Want to do interviews with ethnic minority groups and carry out focus groups.

Asked the forum for support. KC handed out contact details and further details of the project.

Q: What is the end date?

A: Would like to do interviews December and January. Like report to be produced by March. Online survey ongoing.

Q: Do you need to engage with young people.

A: Yes would like contact with young people too

CA: You can visit the Bangladeshi young people at their organisation.

Q: Do you do cold calling?

A: Yes.

Online survey has been in force for a month. The online survey will capture the ethnicity of the person.

Q: Are you on social media?

A: Yes. Started in October.

Q: Are surveys anonymous?

A: Yes.

Q: Why not target high crime areas?

A: Have different demographic areas and still there is underrepresentation.

Q: Have you put surveys in libraries? There are lots of groups. Healthwatch have done lots of engagement. You can contact Radio Northampton

A: Yes will do these.

MW: Survey for county is good idea. You have factors such as age, disability etc etc.

PW: As a forum we would like to support. JC from Inspiration FM could try and help.

JC: Survey has to be representative of county. Crime is an issue as a whole. Have to be careful that data is not misused.

4. GCSE RESULTS FOCUS BAME

AL: Handed out information. Has been in touch with NCC and Chris Cornean has given a breakdown on this.

AL explained the figures.

One the first page – this refers to KS2. The mass percentage is the number that reached the standard.

She will aim to attend the forum in March to give new data.

MW: Progress 8 is new includes English and Maths. Schools are now academies and under no obligation to hand information. Schools can challenge marking. This can delay the system. It is more complicated now. There is the ABC grading system as well as the numbers system.

JC: Forum members who have been attended for years. This has asked for this for years.

PW: Forum have asked for years for this information and needs to be taken seriously. Thank you to Chris Connearn in helping AL with interpreting the data. Looking forward to seeing Chris in March.

JR: Figures not surprising. But we have different groups. It's becoming less and less helpful as the communities we are measuring integrate through marriage. Have to look at statistics with care.

MW: As it stands, the numbers are low. Not all schools have submitted the data. Academy trust does not have to submit information. Best to work with information that you have.

JC: Some ethnic minorities are under achieving. You can only work with figures that are given.

JR: Appreciate that they do represent all schools in Northamptonshire and they are guideline. They represent the schools that gave data.

JC: Do they have any plans in terms of doing something about under achieving of certain groups?

ACTION: PW: Invited forum to ask questions for Chris based on the information given.

5. FORUM ATTENDANCE

Need to revisit the attendance of the forum.

YU: Feels that there isn't enough information about the forum reaching the public. Need to be advertised more.

RA: Would like Youth Forum to hand out the leaflets.

If you have community groups taking funding, these groups should attend forums.

JR: We could target groups. Eg older generation of Caribbean people and then target second and third generation. Need to look at different ways to do things. NBC is one of the only Councils that has forums.

JC: Not many black men who attend the meeting. One of the reasons why we don't get attendance, the agenda is not relevant to the community.

Up to the forum members who puts on the agenda item.

At this forum lots of speakers have cancelled.

SE: Does the forum promote the difference it is making to the community? Suggested that more can be done.

ACTION: Look at what has been achieved in the last year.

Time was discussed:

7pm – 8:30pm

Suggested to alternate meetings from day time to eve. Suggested for 11am – 1pm.

JC: Powers have changed to Stop and Search. Will ask questions to Police in January.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Golby invited
Alice Morgan to attend from Northampton Museum
Northants Police – Stop and Search

AOB:

Event commemorating Walter Tull on 24th March.
On 25th March going to be service in All Saints Church. Invitations will be going out soon.

MW has been mad Deputy Lieutenant - Event in Cripps Date TBC.
NBC Civic event same time as Museum.
16 Days of Activism

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th January 2018 6pm-7:30pm.

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified