

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON
WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2014 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor F M Gordon (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
J C Bayliss A C S Colburn D W Cole	S M Jones T H Rees L V Walton	C L Philpott

Officers: -

E Owen – Access to Services Manager
N Havard – Directorate Lawyer
M Rudzio – Trainee Solicitor
J Parkhouse – Democratic Services Officer

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

RESOLVED that Councillor F M Gordon be elected Chair for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

(COUNCILLOR F M GORDON PRESIDED)

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

RESOLVED that Councillor J C Bayliss be elected Vice-Chair for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V M Evans, Y V Jardine, E T Kirchner and G J Tanner.

4 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

5 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EQUALITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 APRIL 2014.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Equalities Committee held on 9 April 2014 be agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Add Councillor L V Walton to the list of apologies.

6 **PROPOSED DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR 2014/2015.**

The Chair presented the proposed Draft Workplan for 2014/2015.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

7 **TO AGREE THE FOCUS FOR THE SUBJECT AREAS COVERED IN THE WORK PLAN 2014/2015.**

The Committee were requested to focus on the following subject areas for forthcoming meetings in a workshop session:

- 2 July 2014 - tackling poverty and health in equality.
- 27 August and 24 September - asylum seekers, immigration and community cohesion.
- 22 October, 19 November and 17 December - interpersonal violence - domestic abuse, female genital mutilation and human trafficking.
- 21 January 2015 - possible briefing on UNCRC implementation.
- 15 April 2015 - cross Authority response/work with Armed Services/ex Service personnel.

Members were asked to consider the following in respect of each topic:

- What are the key questions/issues you wish to be addressed in examining the above subjects?
- What information do you need to have about the subjects?
- In what form will you want that information - briefing report, presentation or workshop?
- What sort of activity would you prefer to enable examination of the subject e.g. a visit to service provision, invitation to speak (possibly a relevant officer or representative from local/national organisation) at a subsequent Committee meeting etc.?

Members provided feedback in relation to discussions and written responses to the questions. The Chair will build the responses into the Equalities Committee Workplan going forward.

8 **MEMBER CHAMPIONS.**

Councillor J C Bayliss, LGBT Champion updated the Committee on his role. He provided information regarding the activities and the work he had undertaken.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

9 **NEXT MEETING - 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2014.**

NOTED that the date of the next meeting was 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2 July 2014.

The meeting ended at 6.17 p.m.

CHAIR