

OPEN FORUM MEETING - MINUTES

Bristol Equalities' Influencing and Networking Group (BEING)



Bristol BME Voice, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, Bristol Multi Faith Forum
Bristol Older People's Forum, Bristol Women's Voice & LGBT Bristol

Thursday 10 August 2017, Broadmead Baptist Church, 1st floor, 10:30 – 13.00
Union Street (next to *Tesco Express*), Bristol, BS1 3HY, BSL Interpreters available

Present Trustees: Chair Judith Brown (JB), Graham Briscoe (GB), Gloria Morris (GM), Jenny Smith (JS), Tony Wilson (TW), Staff: Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance & Admin Manager (YP), Karen Bowers, Forum Manager. **BEING Representatives:** Laura Welti, Bristol Disability Equality Forum; Sarah Minter, LGBT Bristol; Ruth Pitter, Bristol BME Voice, The Multi-Faith Forum
Total present: 81

Apolog. Pat Foster, David Elson (DE), Gillian Seward (GS), Roy Hackett and Albert Stewart

1. **Chair's Welcome** - housekeeping, apologies and introductions
2. **INTRODUCTION by Asher Craig – Bristol Deputy Mayor**
Responsible for Communities (Public Health, Public Transport, Libraries, Parks)
Also attended and spoke: Councillor Helen Holland, Cabinet member – Adult & Social Care
You can download the following PowerPoint presentation from <https://bopf.org.uk/our-meetings> : *Presentation BCC Your Neighbourhood Consultation.pptx*
3. **Bristol City Council Consultations**
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR SAY!
Each consultation was at a separate table, and was repeated four times, so that everyone could attend each one. All four BCC Consultation Representatives thanked the participants for their engagement and said they had received very useful feedback and ideas.
 - 3.1. **Supporting People**
Ann Wardle, Contracts & Business Relationship Manager
 - 3.2. **Neighbourhood Partnerships & Public Toilets**
Hayley Ash, Area Neighbourhood Manager for the North of Bristol
 - 3.3. **Bristol Community Links**
Sonia Moore, Early intervention & Targeted Services Manager
 - 3.4. **Libraries**
Julian Rush, Library Branch Managers and Janet Bremner, Central Services Manager.

4. **Bristol Council Voice and Influence Commissioning Plan Consultation**

Wanda Knight (WK), Equality and Community Cohesion Officer

FFI: <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/resources/voice-and-influence/>

You can also download the following documents from our website at

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Presentation V & I Consultation v3.ppt

DRAFT Commissioning Plan v.final v.3.pdf

Voice and Influence Needs Assessment.pdf

The Bristol City Council will continue to fund the following fora until March 2018: Bristol BME Voice, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, Bristol Multi Faith Forum, Bristol Older People's Forum & LGBT Bristol.

Q Graham Briscoe - How will you get over the issue of a new organisation with no heritage or pedigree in terms of performance? **A WK** We will ask organisations to prove they have experience of equality issues.

Feedback from **Mark Baker, CEO Age UK and member of BOPF** - spoke passionately on behalf of BOPF and said that BOPF was a very valuable contribution to the lives of older people in Bristol.

5. The meeting finished at 13:00 hrs

Next Open Forum Meeting: 21 Sept 2017, **Broadmead Baptist Church**, 10:30-12:30 hrs.

Speakers: Sue Mountstevens, Avon & Somerset Policy & Crime Commissioner

Signed (Chair):

Date: