

Notice of Meeting

Disability Access Advisory Panel

Councillors Brown, Collings, Purnell, Robertson and C Thompson

Tuesday 21 November 2023, 7.30 pm

Function Room - Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12



Agenda

All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.

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1.	Welcome and Introductions Reporting: Councillor Helen Purnell, Executive Member for the Environment and Community Cohesion	
2.	Apologies Reporting: All	
3.	The Role of the Panel	1 - 2
	Review and agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft terms of reference• Membership of the panel Reporting: Councillor Helen Purnell, Executive Member for the Environment and Community Cohesion	
4.	Resident Engagement Event(s) to Inform Priorities for the Group Reporting: Harjit Hunjan, Head of Community Engagement and Equalities	
5.	Items for Future Meetings Reporting: Harjit Hunjan, Head of Community Engagement and Equalities	
6.	AOB Reporting: All	
7.	Date of Next Meeting: 20 March 2024, 7.30 pm Reporting: All	

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Disability Advisory & Access Forum

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. The Panel shall comprise five elected members (for whom substitute members may be appointed), one of whom shall be appointed as Chair by the Council.
2. The Panel can invite representatives of voluntary and other groups and organisations concerned with the welfare of people with disabilities and their family carers, including people with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, learning disabilities or mental health problems.
3. Forum meetings shall be held three times per year. The panel will hold one or more resident accessible engagement events annually at the council offices that are open to the public.
4. Meetings to be held online, papers to be made available in accessible formats as required.

PURPOSE OF THE PANEL

1. To create opportunities for people with disabilities, the people that support them (family members, carers etc) and disability organisations in Bracknell Forest to come together to:
 - have a strong collective voice on all issues of disability and accessibility to achieve positive outcomes for the community.
 - consult directly with the council on the services and facilities which affect people living with disabilities.
 - make a positive difference and improve the lives people with physical, mental, learning and/or sensory impairment.
2. To discuss and take steps to resolve access and disability issues raised by organisations and individuals.
3. To understand the experience of people with disabilities and the impact of plans, policies and the services provided by the council and consider ways in which the quality and efficiency of such services may be improved to the benefit of people with disabilities in Bracknell Forest.
4. To signpost services offering support for people with disabilities.
5. To act as an advisory and consultative body on issues relating to disability and access within the Borough to the Executive, Overview & Scrutiny and other Committees and officers of the council as appropriate on these issues.

MEMBERSHIP

BFC Officers

Abby Thomas - Assistant Director Chief Executive's Office

Harjit Hunjan - Head of Community Engagement and Equalities

Karen Scott - Team Leader, Breakthrough
Amy Gates - Operational Integration Manager, Adult social care
Lou Richer- Head of Service, Specialist Services Family Safeguarding, Children's Social Care
Sonia Johnson - Assistant Director: Children's Social Care, Children's Social Care
Molyn Kapuya - Community Services Manager, Mental Health and Out of Hours

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COUNCILLORS

Councillor Purnell (Chair) Labour
Councillor Thompson (Vice-chair) Labour
Councillor Brown Labour
Councillor Robertson Conservative
Councillor Collings Green

Nominated representatives of disability organisations

Philip Bell – CXO, Involve Community Services
Andrea McCombie – CXO, The Ark Trust CIO
Terri Lazzari – CEO, Support Horizons CIC
Sharon Hatherley - Activity & Wellbeing Manager, Everyone Active