

# 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

## **Disability Access Advisory Panel**

### **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