

Minutes
Equality and Diversity Corporate Advisory Forum
Friday 16 May 2014, meeting room 200, Council HQ

Present: Don Toonen, Councillor McGillivray, Robin Paterson, Grant Cruickshank, Nichola Smith, Jim Grant

Apologies: Amanda Gregory, Councillor Cree, Sean Hoath

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes of 11 April 2014

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

Equality introductory module: An email has been sent by the Chief Executive to the Heads of service.

Access to Streets: An application for funding has been made to Change Fund. The decision will be made on 5 June 2014.

Equality Impact Assessment seminar

The seminar is set for Tuesday 7 October 2014. Lynn Welsh, Head of Legal of the Equality and Human Rights Committee for Scotland has agreed to deliver the keynote speech.

4. Equality impact assessment seminar

The report with recommendations for the seminar outline was approved.

5. Best Value Self Assessment Equalities

The forum noted the results of the self assessment. The forum felt that the exercise relied too much on people's gut feelings. It was agreed that over the next year, each element of the audit will be discussed separately at meetings with Don providing supporting information. **Don**

6. Equality outcomes

Don has drafted anti-bullying guidance for the schools with Pat McLennan and Iain MacDonald. They will meet to put the final touches on this before liaising with the Head of Service to decide on any further consultation with the schools.

Don will draft a progress report on the equality outcomes. **Don**

7. AOCB

8. Date of next meeting: 27 June 2014, at 11:00, Meeting room 200 HQ (above chambers)

