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Bromsgrove District Council - Equalities

Report to Parish Councils Forum - 28th September 2011

1. Bromsgrove Community Consultation Conference - 25th June 2011

The fourth and final Conference took place on the 25th of June and was attended by 50 community members, council officers, District and Parish councillors. The report has been distributed to all Parish councils.

The action points from the discussions have been included as a separate section in the report (pages 43 to 48) and will be discussed at the meeting of the Equality and Diversity Forum on 22nd September with a view to agreeing the top 10 priorities.

The report and the views of the Forum will then be put in a report to the Corporate Management Team with a view to those recommendations being adopted and actioned.

The general feedback on the day and afterwards was very positive from those who attended with several people commenting that it was the best conference of the four that have been held in Bromsgrove since September 2006.

It has been decided that in view of the economic circumstances and the other work that Bromsgrove District Council is doing to comply with the General and Specific Duties of the Equality Act 2010, there will not be a further conference in 18 months time.

A text version of the report is available to download from the Council's website at the following link:-

<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/about-your-bromsgrove/equality-and-diversity/community-consultation.aspx>

Further printed copies can be ordered from Fiona Scott, Policy and Performance Officer (Equalities) for Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils.

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2. Bromsgrove No Barriers - Disabled Access Awards 2011

23 nominations were received by the closing date for 14 different individuals, organisations and services. A meeting of the Bromsgrove Disabled Access Group considered all the nominations and, based on the information provided decided which ones would go straight forward for the award and which ones needed further information or a mystery customer visit by disabled volunteers.

The Group then reconvened to discuss the further evidence gathered and agreed the following final list for the award:-

- Asda
- Mick Booth - Driver of BURT
- Brambles Dog Walking Club (social enterprise)
- Bromsgrove Library
- Card Party
- Core Assets (Foster Care Associates)
- F V Darbon
- Hampton's the Opticians
- Poundland Bromsgrove
- The Garden Factor (social enterprise)
- The Ryland Centre
- The Strand Cafe
- Willowbrook Garden Centre

The awards were presented by the Civic Head, Councillor Mrs. Caroline Spencer, in the Council Chamber on Saturday 25th June at the end of the Community Consultation Conference. Write ups about each award winner are now on the Council's website at the following link:-

<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/about-your-bromsgrove/equality-and-diversity/disability-equality/disabled-access-awards.aspx>