

To: Councillors Downham, Hughes, Slatter and Ward.
Staff Members Norah Al-Ani, Aasia Bibi, Bridget Keady,
Graham Watts.
Public Members: Graham Lewis, Gerri Bird,
Ila Chandavarkar, Phil Vasili.



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EQUALITIES PANEL

Date: Monday 16 May 2005
Time: 4.00 pm
Place: First Floor Multi-purpose Room, Parkside Pools
Contact: Liz Whitcher
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Please note that at 3.45pm there will be refreshments provided.

Agenda

1. **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER - Ila Chandavarkar**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – see below for details of the scheme and other public information.
4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 NOVEMBER 2004**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2004 as a correct record. *(pages 1-4)*
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
Additional information to that reported in the minutes for the last meeting. *(pages 5-7)*
6. **MEMBERSHIP**
Report by Strategy Officer (Equalities) (page 8)
7. **RACE EQUALITY SCHEME 2005**
Introduction – Andy Yacoub
Presentation – MENTER (Minority Ethnic Network for the Eastern Region)
Discussion
Report by Strategy Officer (Equalities) (pages 9-19)
8. **DISCUSSION PAPER: RECRUITING A DIVERSE WORKFORCE – BARRIERS PREVENTING THE RECRUITMENT OF UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS**
Report by the Head of Human Resources (pages 20-23)

9. TRAINING

Report by Strategy Officer (Equalities) (pages 24-25)

10. ROLE OF THE PANEL IN MOVING FORWARD THE COUNCIL'S EQUALITIES AGENDA

Report by Strategy Officer (Equalities) (pages 26-28)

11. REPORT FROM CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL VISIT TO BARNET MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE

Report by the Equalities Development Manager (pages 29-33)

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It is recommended that the next meeting be held on Monday 14th November 2005 as this date is free within the Committee cycle.

Suggested venue: City Services' Mill Road Depot Meeting Room is available, and there is parking at the site.

Information for the public

You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer.

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