

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE
2014, COMMENCING AT
7.00 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair – J Kaufman

Councillors: Mrs L Kaufman and Mrs S B Morris

Officers in Attendance: K Garcha

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1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
2.	<p><u>TERMS OF REFERENCE</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that this Forum superseded the Equality and Diversity Forum and considered the terms of reference.</p> <p>The Chair discussed the need to seek engagement from other members of the community where he felt that members from the unrepresented communities needed to be tapped into. It was agreed that the Chair would send an invitation email to the Chairs of the Senior Citizens, Multicultural and Youth Groups.</p> <p>It was also resolved that the Head of Corporate Resources will prepare an invitation notice to present to the Chair and Councillors Mrs L Kaufman and Mrs S B Morris with the purpose of Councillor Mrs S B Morris forwarding that on as a tweet and through other social media and the Chair forwarding that on to his contacts.</p> <p>The Chair and Councillor Mrs L Kaufman agreed to distribute the invitation into the town centre forums and other stakeholders. It was agreed that the Head of Corporate Resources would also place the invitation on the Council's website.</p>	
3.	<p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM – THE WAY FORWARD</u></p>	

<p>The Chair also enquired after the recruitment of the Community Engagement Officer and the Head of Corporate Resources advised that realistically there probably wouldn't be anyone in post until August/September 2014. It was agreed that notwithstanding the late recruitment/appointment, the next Community Engagement Forum of 16 September 2014 would still sit.</p>	
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<p>It was agreed that the Community Engagement Officer would work towards delivering the Council's Equality and Diversity Agenda, as adopted on 23 July 2013 by the Policy, Finance and Development Committee.</p>	
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<p>The Chair also mentioned how democracy week was 13 – 19 October 2014 and therefore they would consider going to the schools, colleges, etc, during that week to try and encourage younger people to get interested in democracy.</p>	
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The Meeting Closed at 8.00 p.m.