

COMMITTEE: **DISABILITY ACCESS AND ADVISORY FORUM**

DATE: **7th FEBRUARY 2008.**

SUBJECT: **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES ✓

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING

OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: All

PURPOSE

1. To consider applications for membership of the Disability Access and Advisory Forum.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2. Disability Access and Advisory Forum Committee is recommended to agree that Applicants 1 & 2 become Members of the Disability Access and Advisory Forum (DAAF) and that further information on the disability relevant experience of Applicant 3 is sought and the application brought back to DAAF once this information is received.**

BACKGROUND

3. Membership of the Forum is open to any organisation that represents or is concerned with disability in the Borough of Luton provided that the organisation does not represent any political party or political interest.
4. Each organisational representative must live or work within Luton.
5. Membership gives one representative from a Member organisation voting rights at DAAF meetings
6. Individuals can apply for Membership and membership can be approved by the Advisory Forum on the following grounds:
 - a) The individual applicant has demonstrable knowledge/experience/ expertise which it is felt can make a significant contribution to the work of the Advisory Forum.
 - (b) Meet the requirements of 1 and 2 above but will also contribute to the general balance of the Advisory

Forums membership in terms of occupation, race, gender, ethnicity, disability etc.

(This may be particularly relevant in the case of say a numerically small community in the Borough that does not have a representing organisation).

REPORT

7. Two individuals and one organisation have applied for Membership of the DAAF.
8. Their qualifying information is attached as Appendix 1

PROPOSAL/OPTION

9. It is proposed that Membership of the DAAF be agreed that Applicants 1 & 2 become Members of the Disability Access and Advisory Forum (DAAF) and that further information on the disability relevant experience of Applicant 3 is sought and the application brought back to DAAF once this information is received.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10. This proposal increases the representation of disabled people and organisations of, or for, disabled people on the DAAF.

APPENDIX

Appendix 1. Applicant's details