

COMMITTEE: **DISABILITY ADVISORY AND
ACCESS FORUM**

DATE: **7TH AUGUST 2008**

SUBJECT: **DATES OF MEETINGS 2008/09**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF
LOCAL DEMOCRACY)**

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to determine dates for meetings of the Disability Advisory and Access Forum in 2008/2009.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **Disability Advisory and Access Forum is recommended to:**
 - (i) **Approve the dates for meetings of the Forum in 2008/09 as set out at paragraph 9 below.**
 - (ii) **Determine whether from the Municipal Year 2009/10 they wish to hold meetings of the Forum on a Wednesday instead of Thursday as was now the case.**

BACKGROUND

3. At the meeting held on 5th June, 2008 Members considered the dates of Forum meetings as set out in the Council's Calendar of meetings for 2008/09 and detailed below:

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2008
THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2008
THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2008
THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2009
THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2009
THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2009 – (AGM)

4. Having considered the dates referred to above the Forum confirmed the following two dates:

- **THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2008**
- **THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2008**

5. In respect of the remaining dates the Democratic Services Officer was requested to investigate the possibility of holding future meetings on a Wednesday rather than Thursday in order that there was no clash with meetings of the Luton Forum.
6. The Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council (Councillor Simmons) had an important role to play in the Luton Forum which made it difficult for them to attend any meetings of the Disability Advisory and Access Forum.

REPORT

7. Having looked at the calendar of meetings it would be possible to move Forum meetings to a Wednesday. However as the calendar of meetings has already been published it would be more appropriate to make the change for the next Municipal Year 2009/10.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

8. It is proposed therefore that the dates of meetings as set out at paragraph 3 above remain the same with the exception of the December meeting which will be moved to Wednesday 3rd December, 2008 in order that both the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council (Councillor Simmons) can attend the meeting as has been requested by the Forum.

9. If the Forum approves the proposals referred to above the meeting dates of the Forum for 2008/09 would be as follows:

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2008
THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2008
WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2008
THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2009
THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2009
THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2009 – (AGM)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

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