

# **Hammersmith & Fulham Disabled People's Commission (DPC)**

**Meeting minutes – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

## **Who was at the meeting?**

### **Members of the commission:**

**Tara Flood (Chair)**

**David Isaac**

**Martin Doyle**

**Patricia Quigley**

**Ramona Williams**

**Victoria Brignell**

**Jane Wilmot**

**Ali Buhdeima**

### **Also at the meeting:**

**Councillor Sue Fennimore**

**Councillor Vivienne Lukey**

**Councillor Ben Coleman**

**Kim Dero (LBHF)**

**Milan Ognjenovic (LBHF)**

### **For support:**

**Kevin Caulfield (LBHF)**

**Peter Smith (LBHF)**

**Fawad Bhatti (LBHF)**

### **Apologies to the commission:**

**Kate Betteridge**

**Mike Gannon**

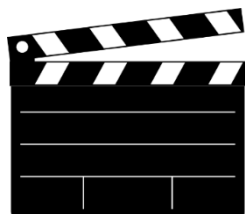
## Introduction and Actions



Tara had spoken to most members of the group. Tara wanted to give around 2 minutes to each member to talk about how they think the DPC is going.



Councillor Coleman and Kim Dero came to part of the meeting. Kim said that the members must keep her accountable. Councillor Coleman told the group about his past work with Disabled children's charities.



Actions on a separate sheet.

## DPC Staff and Resident Survey



Milan gave a presentation. Milan gave some early findings from the 2 surveys.



Jane asked about seeing data. Milan explained that some departments couldn't share a lot of this because of data protection.



Kevin said that it would be good to find out overall how disabled people interacted when in contact with the council.



The group talked about the restrictions on making adaptations or changes to housing and how that creates a barrier for some people to have the right housing.



Kim highlighted that 385 people with learning difficulties are registered with GPs. Kim thought this was quite low. Milan said that more reliable figures might come from the DWP.



Ramona also highlighted that the 840 registered blind people was too low and should be more than 1,000. Milan said that this number came from 2015 so it could be more now.



Members of the group also talked about the problems disabled people are facing with the changes from DLA to PIP. Assessments and drops in payments cause so many problems. Tara was aware of how much anger there is towards the DWP.



Peter reminded the group that they can make recommendations for the central government to respond to, as well as the council.



Members asked about who the staff were that replied to the survey: what positions in the council do they have?

Milan will respond– see the action sheet.

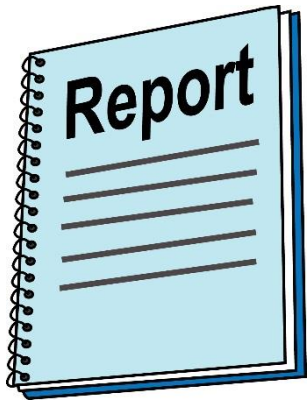
## DPC Timetable Update



The webpage for the DPC is online. There is an Easy Read version of 'What does success look like?'

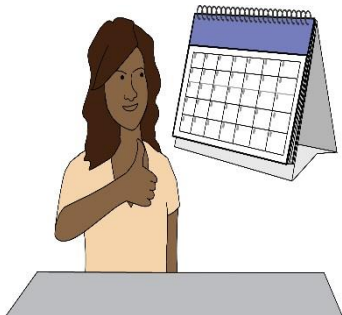


Victoria also organised some media coverage. David was interviewed by a freelance journalist called Fiona Anderson. Thanks were noted to Fiona for the interview.



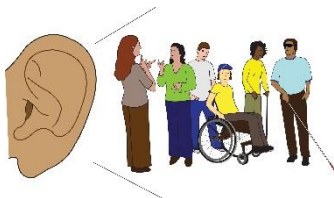
Tara suggested that they have a small group to look at the 'Final Report'. Victoria felt that writing should start in May.

The group talked about how long the report should be and how it should work. Learning from other commissions, a short report, with recommendations for the short, medium and long-term.



Kevin told the group about an idea for a timeline:

- July 2017: Tara, Kevin and Peter to go to a Senior Leadership Team meeting to talk about the main suggestions from the DPC.
- September 2017: a draft of the final report to go the relevant Policy and Accountability Committee.
- November 2017: final report to the full cabinet.
- Early 2018: public launch of the final report.



Tara explained that she thought it was very important to use the council's process to make sure that the DPC is heard by the right people.



Tara told the group that she and Kevin had met with the West London Collaborative. Tara said that she thought it would be good for them to talk to the group about co-production.

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Tara also explained that there is a London Co-Production Forum that is meeting in June.

## Public Consultation Events



The planning group had been meeting every two weeks. The event was planned for 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm, at St Paul's Centre.

It was asked that any members going to the event meet at 1pm so that Kevin can do a briefing.



The leader of the council, Stephen Cowan, will be speaking. The phrase 'partnership working' will be used instead of 'co-production'.



The members worked out who would be doing what on the day itself, including welcoming and registering people. There will also be a 'graphic facilitator' to do visual summaries.



Councillor Fennimore said that she thought the invitation should be sent out again to all councillors. Tara said it would also be good if councillors encouraged the people in their area to come, and suggested putting up posters.

## Six Month Review



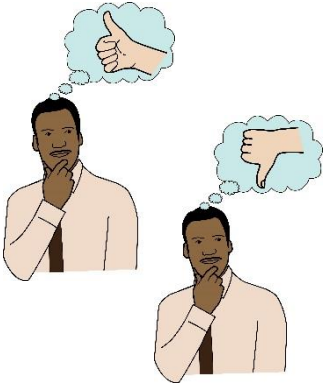
Tara said as a guide:

How are things going after 6 months?

Any gaps in evidence and information?

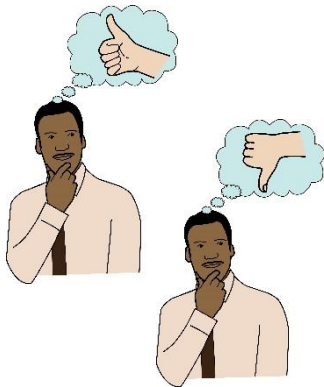
Any thoughts on the final report?

Any early thoughts on recommendations?



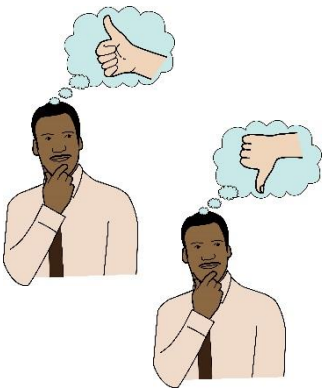
### **Ramona:**

- Relatively good so far.
- Some data doesn't feel consistent.
- Bit early to talk about the final report.
- Has concerns about the Sensory Impairment Service: people get limited support when they move into the area because they aren't enough staff.



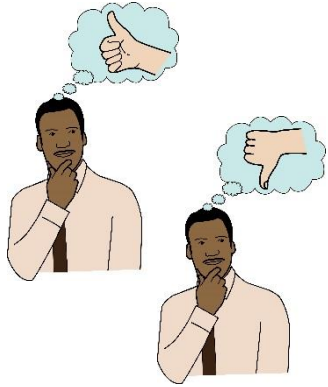
### **Patricia:**

- Meetings have gone well.
- Information presented really opening her eyes.
- Would like to see David Burns talk more about housing for disabled people: losing benefits or being made homeless can lead to a total breakdown in a person's life.



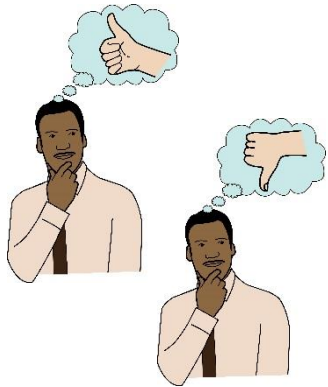
### **David:**

- Wasn't sure if speakers so far have helped to understand co-production working in practice. No real working model to learn from.
- Are we highlighting issues? Are we setting up co-production across the council?
- Faults have been identified (e.g. housing), but how does this help with co-production?
- Happy to support DPC but not sure what has been achieved yet.



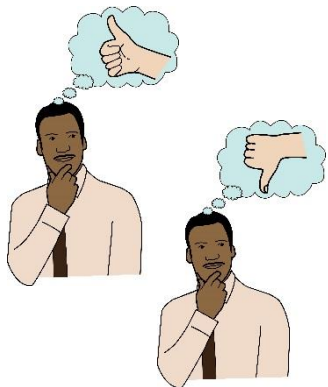
### **Victoria:**

- Agreed with David on co-production points: still not sure how it works so more practical information would be good.
- Need to ensure people are excited about the final report. So, include headline grabbing changes, too.
- Even if a plan is made for co-production, how can we make sure disabled people take part in it?
- There are physical and financial barriers to being involved. This needs long-term resources.



### **Martin (Has sent written feedback to Tara):**

- Going well and barriers disabled people face are starting to be understood by everyone.
- Would be good to meet with people with learning disabilities and high needs.
- Mentioned isolation and a lack of support for young people.



### **Ali:**

- Going OK, but not clear on how it will improve people's lives, yet.
- First language is BSL, so emails are difficult. Interpreters have been good, but written English is hard.
- Need to ask people who come to the event for their details.

### Jane:

- Agreed with previous comments.
- Worried about getting enough disabled people involved.
- Has spoken to some people who don't think co-production from the start is right.
- It is a bigger challenge to get disabled people all in a room together. Some come and expect others to do the work.
- All have to step up and professionals need to be more flexible.
- Challenge is getting disabled people involved and keeping them involved.

### Tara:

- It was always going to be a challenge.
- Everyone has horror stories from their own experiences.
- We need a real change in how the council works, and this will not happen overnight.
- Beyond the DPC, council officers and disabled residents need to continue to work together and we will try to make sur the support is there to keep people involved.



## Next Meetings

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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 5.45pm – 7.45pm – Dawes Road Hub, Fulham.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Dawes Road Hub, Fulham.**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Small Hall, Hammersmith Town Hall.**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Courtyard Room, Hammersmith Town Hall.**