

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

**Meeting minutes – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

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

**Tara Flood (Chair)**

**Jane Wilmot**

**Patricia Quigley**

**Kate Betteridge**

**Victoria Brignell**

**Ali Buhdeima**

**David Isaac**

**Mike Gannon**

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

**Councillor Vivienne Lukey**

**Tom Conniffe (Poverty and  
Worklessness Commission)**

**Kamran Mallick (Action on  
Disability)**

**Sarah Robinson (Action on  
Disability)**

### **For support:**

**Kevin Caulfield (LBHF)**

**Peter Smith (LBHF)**

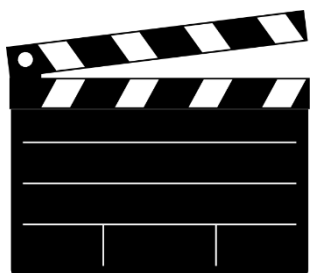
### **Apologies to the commission:**

**Martin Doyle**

**Ramona Williams**

**Councillor Sue Fennimore**

## Introduction and Actions



The group went through the actions from November. The notes from this are in the Action Tracker (separate document).

## Poverty and Worklessness Commission



Tom Conniffe, who is in charge of the Poverty and Worklessness Commission (PWC) told the group about the PWC.



The PWC started in November 2015 and has had 7 meetings so far.



The last one is in January 2017.

Report



The PWC has written a report. In the report they had given 10 ideas for making things better in Hammersmith & Fulham.

The PWC wanted to focus on 3 things:

- Why poverty and people not having jobs happens in Hammersmith & Fulham.
- Give ideas and ideas for services to help change this.
- Give full ideas to politicians and decision makers to make a difference.





**The PWC did interviews with 104 people.**

**These were one to one interviews that took about one hour each.**

**They interviewed people who lived in poverty or didn't have a job, or both.**

**The interviews were done by an independent person.**



**The PWC also did 18 focus groups with other people who worked with people in poverty or without jobs.**

**Tom said that the main things they had learned were:**

- **Start doing research as early as possible.**
- **Make sure that everyone has a role in the commission so that it doesn't just focus on people talking!**
- **Be flexible and don't be scared of changing the first plan.**



**Call for Evidence: Action on Disability (AOD)**

**action on  
disability**

**Kamran Mallick, Chief Executive of AOD explained that AOD is Hammersmith & Fulham's main disabled people led organisation.**



**AOD want to remove the barriers that disabled people face.  
Their work includes youth services, advocacy, benefits advice, employment work and advice.**



**Kamran spoke about:**

- **The way disabled people have been treated in the news: as lazy and 'scroungers'.**
- **The need to involve disabled people in decisions.**
- **This is happening more but needs to be well planned.**
  - o **Kamran gave examples of how it has been done badly by the NHS and Clinical Commissioning Groups, who gave only very short notice.**
- **He was involved in helping engage wheelchair users in some NHS work.**
  - o **This was easier because he knew Jane and Jane was involved.**

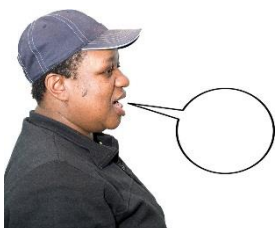


**Sarah said that AOD have also spoken a lot to decision makers in the borough but that this can be more and less helpful over time.**



**Kamran explained the 'compact' – an agreement between the local authority and charities that used to be helpful.**

**They do still happen in some place, for example Hounslow.**



**Kamran explained how a DPO in Tower Hamlets (East London) called Real use a scheme called Real Voices in their area.**



**Real Voices is how disabled people get involved with the council.**

**It means disabled people can have their voices heard at quite a high level in the council and make a real change to things.**

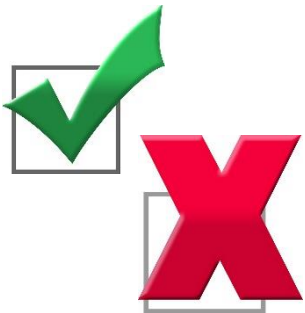


**Kamran and Sarah's suggestions for disabled people's involvement included:**

- Working with AOD's partners such as Mind and Mencap locally.
- Funding a part-time worker whose job is get the voices of disabled people fed into council decisions.
- Building up local DPOs and helping them to do more work.



## What will success look like?



**Kevin wrote a paper on how the DPC could measure whether they have been successful or not.**

**The group agreed some ways of measuring success.**

**They will be looked at again in 18 months.**



**Kevin is working on events with Jane, Patricia and Virginia's support.**

**The group were thinking about doing these events in March/April but they might bring them forward.**

## Webpage for DPC



Photographs have been taken and members will send a short biography to Kevin, too.

Minutes might be put online but the group need to decide about keeping things private.

## Work Plan



Jane asked about the research of doing interviews with people.

It was agreed that this should be added to the work plan.

## Next meeting



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at Dawes Road Hub.

Then:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017

