

### **Supporting Our Disabled Community**

This report is presented for discussion, following an informal meeting between Cllr. Barbara McCracken and Mr. Andrew Moulton from C.E.N.

It also reflects comments and issues raised by disabled residents from our LNP area.

#### **Discussion points and objectives**

1. To compile a register of all groups and organisations in our LNP area, in relation to disability.
2. e.g. The Deaf Peoples' Centre, Lichfield Road.  
MENCAP, Lysways Street.
3. To have on record the name, address and contact number of individuals who have skills, knowledge and experience in specific areas of disability.

N.B. Guidance needed from officers re. data protection issues here.

4. To work with organisations and individuals within the LNP area with a view to improving disabled access and facilities, including retail and business premises and transport.
5. When assessing or delivering local needs, the Authority should be asked to consider using experience from within the communities whenever possible, thereby promoting local knowledge, and raising inclusion for residents and retaining skills within our communities.  
The current position appears to use external sources for assessing needs.

N.B. Please note this may have implications for 'Best Value' issues.

6. To compile a housing register of adapted premises and to identify the number of properties for disabled and impaired residents within the Borough.  
This register would have the benefit of providing statistics for attracting grant funding, which could save the Authority significant amounts of money in the long-term.  
(To receive verbal report from Ken Whittingham, if agreed)

Members are asked to note the contents of this report and to consider what action, if any, they wish to take.

Cllr. Barbara McCracken and Mr. Andrew Moulton.