

## LAMBETH LGBT STEERING GROUP MEETING (30.5.03)

### Present:

Steve (Chair)  
Dan  
Annette  
Nick  
Lee  
Martin McClockary  
Christopher  
Vita  
Martin Ryan

### Apologies:

Andy  
Martin Nicholson  
Sarah  
Fraser  
Tim  
James

Steve welcomed and introduced Martin McClockary, the new manager of Chariots in Streatham. Martin said that he wanted to be able the business to provide information to customers such as health advice and anything else appropriate.

1. Minutes of last meeting - **agreed**

2. Matters Arising:

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting (£6k)

**Agreed:** (a) Dan in consultation with Martin Nicholson to take on and progress in Andy's absence Dan/Martin

(b) Training to be open to all Steering Group members Dan

#### Publicity for LGBT Forum

**Agreed:** (a) Dan, Vita and Chris would draw up a spec and invite a friend of Chris' to present ideas to the next meeting Dan, Chris, Vita

(b) Dan to put basic advert in "Gay-Z" Dan

© Dan to update new Forum poster and circulate to Steering Group Dan

(d) Dan to get diversity poster printed and distributed to venues Dan

### 3. CPCG – hate crime figures

Nick circulated figs that are presented at the monthly CPCG meetings. He said that as a result of his request homophobic incidents were reported. At present these did not indicate if the crime was transphobic.

**Agreed:** Group's focus should be increased reporting and ensuring that hotspots were policed. All

### 4. Lambeth Country Show (19/20 July 2003)

**Agreed:** Forum would not have a stand but that information on the Forum and self reporting packs should be available at the Met Police tent. Dan

### 5. LGBT Forum – homophobic crime document

Christopher advised that the contact details/venue for the mental health drop-in service were incorrect. The Group discussed whether the document should be circulated with this error.

**Agreed:** (a) Document should be circulated as widely as possible despite the error Dan

(b) Dan to investigate whether the pdf version could be amended and if so send a correct version to Chris to go on the Council's web site Dan

### Draft LGBT Work Programme 2003-4

Christopher presented the draft work programme that he and Andy had produced. This was required by the Community Safety Partnership and would be monitored through a new Hate Crime Group.

Vita expressed concern that the work programme had not been consulted on and asked if there was still flexibility in how the funding received could be used. Christopher apologised for not having circulated the Programme to the Group before and said that comments were very welcome. He added that as long as the funding was used in line with the broad purpose approved (i.e to support 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting and promote the forum) it could be used flexibly.

He drew attention to 2 proposals that:

- a monitoring group be set up to oversee how the police investigated a sample of incidents and provide advice/accountability to the community and
- that a major survey be undertaken to ascertain the views of the LGBT community on crime and related issues (as had been done in Birmingham). This could be used as evidence to argue for more resources.

In general the Group felt that the work programme was a solid basis for work over the next year.

All

**Agreed:** That the work programme be adopted.

#### 6. Any Other Business

(a) Lee suggested that the Steering Group set aside a meeting to look at how the Forum could be developed.

**Agreed:** Date be set at the next meeting

All to note

(b) Martin (CPS) advised that he would now be attending the meetings and that the CPS had adopted a new police with regard to how homophobic incidents would be prosecuted. He indicated that he also wanted to make closer links with the Community Safety Partnership.

(c) Steve advised that he was now a representative on the MPA's Equal Opportunities and Diversity Board as a result of his HIV Chaplincy role and that the MPA had agreed that the MET Police should review its HIV policy.

Christopher raised concern that a known paedophile had breached his licence conditions and was known to pick up victims in cruising areas. However the police had not been able to provide a description to warn men that cruise. Two people had been attacked subsequently.

**Agreed:** Steve to raise with MPA once he had obtained details.

Steve/Dan