

Lambeth LGBT Forum Minutes 24.09.04.

Present: Jane, Christopher, Billie, Nick & Steve.

Apologies: Lee, Andy & Tim

Dedicated Council LGBT Officer: Steve reported that he had met with the leader of the council to instigate a process to encourage Lambeth Council to appoint a dedicated LGBT Officer for the Borough. Cllr Peter Trusedale had responded favourably and had subsequently met with Cllrs. John Whelan, Steve Reed and with the Chief Executive. That meeting had agreed that Lambeth Council should appoint such a person. However, since then Steve said he has heard very little. It was thought that it had been proposed to base such an officer within Linden Rowley's brief in the Council.

It was agreed that Steve should make contact with the leader of the council asking what progress has been made on the appointment and to request that Lambeth LGBT Forum should be consulted over the job description of the post. The meeting felt that the post should be set alongside the Council's Diversity Officer and that the 2 officers should form part of a team. Steve should convey this also to the Leader of the Council.

LGBT Hate Crime Co-ordinator Job description: The meeting looked at this. There was a conversation over where such a worker should be based but we could not see a better place – it is proposed that the post be based with Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust.

On the whole the meeting was happy with the job description and highlighted 1,2,7 and 10 as priority.

The meeting wondered what involvement Lambeth LGBT Forum would have in the management of the post. And this is a question that needs to be asked of Harriet Smith of the Trust. It was felt that a representative of the steering group should be on the recruitment panel.

Clapham Park's Gay Men's Group: Billie informed the meeting that this group was now up and running and encouraged members to attend.

Date of next meeting: 22 October 2004, 2pm Palace Road Surgery, SW2
(My apologies for this meeting, I will be on leave)

Steve 01.10.04