

Proposal:

### **The social model of disability**

**The Social model of disability proposes that what makes someone disabled is not their medical condition, but the attitudes and structures of society.**

It is a civil rights approach to disability. If modern life was set up in a way that was accessible for people with disabilities then they would not be excluded or restricted. The distinction is made between 'impairments', which are the individual problems which may prevent people from doing something, and 'disability', which is the additional disadvantage bestowed by a society which treats these 'impairments' as abnormal, thus unnecessarily excluding these people from full participation in society. The social model of disability says that it is society which disables impaired people.

### **Coronavirus**

The coronavirus pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for society and policy makers, but the impact of the crisis has been particularly acute for disabled people and their families.

This crisis has exacerbated existing barriers disabled people face, exposed new issues and highlighted where things can change quickly to create more inclusive conditions for everyone. From difficulties accessing food and essentials to a reduction in hard-won rights and safeguards as well as positive changes in the way many of us work, a huge amount has changed over the last two months.

Yet 28% of disabled people interviewed by national charity "Scope UK" for a recent report, are increasingly left feeling forgotten.

Please see the full report here:

<https://www.scope.org.uk/campaigns/disabled-people-and-coronavirus/the-disability-report/>

### **Faversham Disability Forum**

The hope is that "Faversham Disability Forum" will be created as a reference group to help the Town council to listen, learn and consult with people with disabilities and their carers. It should create an opportunity for disabled people, their carers and disability organisations in the district to come together to:

- consult directly with the council on the services and facilities which affect people with disabilities
- provide a collective and stronger voice on all issues of disability to achieve positive outcomes for the community

- To work to help improve equality for disabled people and improve inclusivity and accessibility.

The aim of the Forum is for it to be Community led with Councillor support. The group should therefore be able to create their own meeting Agenda and Councillors can discuss ongoing projects and current consultations with the group for comment.

### **Draft Terms of reference.**

#### **Objectives**

**1.1** The Forum is set up as a reference group to assist Faversham Town Council to listen, learn and consult with people with disabilities and their Carers.

**1.2** The Forum will create an opportunity for people with disabilities and disability organisations that provide services to people within the Parish Boundaries to come together to:

- Consult directly with Faversham Town Council on the services and facilities which affect people with disabilities.
- Provide a collective and stronger voice on all issues of disability to achieve positive outcomes for the community.
- To act as an advisory body on matters of policy and formal consultation

**1.3** The Forum will build a constructive relationship with the Town Council, the Eastern Area Committee, Swale Borough Council and other appropriate networks and forums acting on behalf of people with disabilities.

#### **2. Membership**

**2.1** The Forum is open to the following:

- People with visible and invisible disabilities who live in Faversham, their parents and carers.
- Representatives of disability organisations that provide a service to people within the Faversham Town Council boundaries
- Representatives of Faversham Town Council.

**2.2** The Forum can invite other people from statutory and voluntary organisations as guest speakers or to discuss particular issues.

#### **3. Meetings**

**3.1** The Forum will meet not less than 4 times (Quarterly) per calendar year. If possible, the first meeting of the year will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**3.2** The Forum will elect a Chairman and such other officers as required at the AGM.

**3.3** Officers will be elected for a period of 1 year and allowed to be considered for re-election at the end of the 1 year term of office

**3.4** Minutes will be taken by a member of the Forum

**3.5** Meetings and meeting papers will be made as accessible and inclusive as possible, including easy-read versions.

**3.6** Meetings will be held virtually / in a place decided by the forum.

#### **4 Review**

4.1 These Terms of Reference will be subject to review by the Forum as and when required.



**OCTOBER 2020 PAY RUN**

<b>Suppliers</b>	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Invoice No</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Amazon	03/09/2020	17PD-JVFI-16JC	Second Class Stamps	£ 77.95
Amazon	04/09/2020	1YFQ-TW64-3RY3	Car Cover SUV Car	£ 35.99
Amazon	28/09/2020	1CKR-YPX6-X71D	50PCS 3M double sided adhesive foam pads	£ 5.99
Amazon	28/09/2020	137271331-2020-251797	Laminating Pouch A4	£ 9.95
Amazon	28/09/2020	1010573545-2020-1253	Social distancing sign measures	£ 23.98
Amazon	28/09/2020	2020-356732009	A5 Notebook, Stapler, highlighter	£ 28.65
Breakthrough Communications	15/09/2020	20200012	Fee, leaflets, A3 posters, A1 posters, Banner	£ 802.60
CEF	06/08/2020	229298	Manual hand held PAT tester	£ 335.94
CommuniCorp	26/08/2020	2846	Freedom scroll Davis/Henderson/Mangion	£ 254.16
Initial	22/09/2020	33610740	Service Period 25/09/20-30/05/21 Sanitiser	£ 226.10
Initial	22/09/2020	33610739	Service Period 25/09/20-30/05/21 Dispenser	£ 78.19
Jewsons	03/09/2020	116268	Building sand, ballast, shingle, cement,	£ 239.37
KALC	15/09/2020	1454601527	KALC clerks conference	£ 60.00
Mayor of Medway	02/10/2020	Email-Opera Night	Opera night- Donation	£ 20.00
M&J Supplies	04/09/2020	F25 04/09/20	Screws, drill bits	£ 2.50
				<b>£ 2,201.37</b>

