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Background

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The project plan for Worcester Pride 2010 has gone through many changes due to the major developments that have occurred in Worcester and in the wider area over the past year. Due to the recession and a change of government, it has become more apparent that a large-scale event, as was planned for 2010 is not as viable as first hoped. In this new period of austerity, many of the statutory bodies that had pledged support in kind and in funding have now had to withdraw their offers due to cut backs, and loss of staff within their sector. Hereford & Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Service were one of the losses, having now withdrawn £1,500 of funding and the offer of marshals on the day; both offers of support were integral to the project plan. Without the support of Marshalling by the Fire Service the forum were unsure if it would still be able to provide the level of Health and Safety cover required. Also, a large number of complaints were made against another event held on Worcester Racecourse recently, which would impact on the licensing conditions issued on the Worcester Pride Event licence, most likely ensuring it wouldn't be granted or several restrictions limiting planned live music. It has also become more apparent that there is less support than anticipated from other statutory organisations, with a growing unwillingness to engage with the community and group. In some instances publishing figures and facts that were incorrect, and potentially damaging the reputation of the group.

With all this in mind, the Worcester Pride Forum feels it is only right and professional that the large scale event is postponed till 2011 to ensure that the group are able to provide the event that Worcester deserves, in the meantime planning/organising for 2011 will continue, along with continued engagement with voluntary/statutory bodies.

It was decided that evenings would be put on in the Brewery Tap so that LGBT Life can still be celebrated and recognised, and so that the hard work put in by the forum would still be put to use this year.

Revised Worcester Pride 2010 Event

With the upcoming reopening of the Brewery Tap, (now the hub for the LGBT community), it is an ideal opportunity to move some of the Worcester Pride 2010 events into the venue. All of the mini events previously planned by the forum would still be able to take place on a smaller scale. Now, rather than Worcester Pride taking place on September 18th, the events would now run from September 17th till September 19th as a celebration of the LGBT Community in Worcester/shire.

Friday September 17th 2010

Planned evening of events at the Brewery Tap celebrating LGBT Community life, colour and camping it up a must. Starting at 8pm acts will be appearing throughout the night, live music and banging tunes until late.

Saturday September 18th 2010

During the day a small number of community and Market stalls would be set up in the Brewery Tap inside and outside the venue. In the early evening, some TRULY AMAZING acts will kick start the Brewery Tap for an unforgettable night of fun and mayhem.

Sunday September 19th 2010

During the day there would be further opportunity for Community and Market Stalls to set up in the Brewery Tap, with more entertainment continuing at the Brewery Tap until the early morning.