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Team:	Adult&CommunityLearningGroup		
Date:	16 th March2007	Copiesto:	AsListed

Present		
DavidGleave(Co-ordinator, TVBC)	CliveGraham (Chairman, HarrowWay CommunitySchool)	BevJones(Council, Recreation& Heritage, HCC)
JeanLannie (FamilyLearningand ExtendedServices Co-ordinator)	JanLefley(Chairand CommunityEducation Manager, RomseySchool)	TonyMcGovern (Mountbatten School)
Apologies		
SandyCraig(Learning DevelopmentCo-ordinator, HarrowWayCommunity School)		

Agenda			
1.	ApologiesforAbsence		Seeabove
2.	MinutesofPreviousMeeting		Agreed
3.	MattersArising		
4.	ACelebrationofCommunityLearningin TestValleyPublication		
5.	BasicSkillsUpdate		
6.	FundingSourcesforWiderFamilyLearning		
7.	InformationShare		
8.	DateofNextMeeting		

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Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
3.	<p>Matters Arising from meeting on 30 November 2006</p> <p>Item 3 Family Learning Foundation degrees Jan had approached Portsmouth and Southampton Universities but they do not offer such courses.</p> <p>Item 4 Big Lottery Funding HCC, ACLU and Recreation and Heritage are now preparing a joint county bid which will be submitted in the next 2-3 months. It is likely to include some family learning activity in Test Valley.</p> <p>Item 5 A Test Valley Family Learning Conference There is scope for an event offering practical lessons on "how to deliver family learning", as part of the extended service agenda building on the long standing experience of delves/schools every in Test Valley. It would be open to delegates beyond the county and could be held at The Lights, possibly in October 2007.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>DAG to investigate availability of The Lights for an event 9:30-3:30 in October 2007.</p> <p>A subgroup to meet at 9:15 am on 2 April 2007 at Harrow Way Community School to work up plans.</p>
4.	<p>A Celebration of Community Learning in Test Valley Publication</p> <p>Action: DAG to re-circulate draft text of the new document (along with the original) to all Members of the Education and Learning Action Group, underlining the need for submissions from those members which had not yet provided anything (including Test Valley School, Romsey School, Cricklade College etc).</p> <p>DAG to forward this document to Jan, Jean and Bev to inform conference planning.</p>

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5.	<p>Basic Skills Update (CG)</p> <p>Following an approach by Andover Rotary Club President (Richard Scraven), Vice President, Peter Giddens, made a presentation to Education and Learning Action Group on 17 January 2007 offering to help promote basic skills in Andover.</p> <p>A subgroup met on 1 March 2007 to take the matter forward (retrospective apologies were received from Richard Scraven, Maria Knights and Terri Sandison). The outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An agreement to share information on how many learners in Andover are achieving accreditation in essential skills courses and, by implication, to what extent this important issue was being addressed. • The potential to establish a mentoring project targeting Alamein and St. Mary's (in-line with Turnaround) which will give potential learners support through a one-to-one buddy project with the college. <p>If appropriate, learners could then progress onto a group system but whilst retaining the support of a buddy on whom they could rely. In order to access funding a bespoke organisation would need to be constituted, with bank account etc. The buddying project (possibly named "CanDo") would be led by a delivery group and overseen by a steering group, comprising bodies such as HCC, TVBC etc. The project may link into the Home Reading Scheme for those unable to get out to learn.</p> <p>A further meeting of the subgroup will take place on 27 March 2007.</p> <p>Work could also link in with the BBC's Reading and Writing (RAW) campaign and Book Swap idea, which was so successful in Liverpool last year. In October 2007 a Romsey Reads scheme will be launched for KS3 pupils, parents and libraries. It will link into Romsey Arts Festival in 2008.</p> <p>Action: DAG to discuss with H. Whittam potential for an Andover Reading Festival to be promoted as part of the Andover Live programme.</p>
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<p>6.</p>	<p>Funding Sources for Wider Family Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Testway Housing's charitable area, Transform: has been delayed because Transform's turnover is too high to allow to bid for funding from certain sources. Family Learning is too reliant on LSC funding via HCC (£350,000). Should Family Learning in Test Valley become a training organisation eligible for Hampshire-wide contracts (eg. from Jobcentre Plus, Hants PCT, for whom Romsey Family Learning runs ante-natal classes etc)? It would require training agency status. Looking specifically at Jobcentre Plus contracts, because economic activity rates are already quite high in Test Valley, Family Learning would need to focus on confidence building and upskilling rather than getting people into work. <p>Action:</p> <p>Jan to investigate what is involved to gain training agency status.</p> <p>DAG to obtain membership of Hampshire Strategic Partnership as possible initial contacts for possible sub-contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal and Community Development Learning or "leisure learning" (PCDL): increased shift to full cost as Government (LSC) subsidy transferred to essential skills and 14-19 learning. old traditional "leisure" adult learning will decline over next 2-3 years. But, rather than remove it altogether, Government is seeking to create partnership to deliver adult education. NIACE is receiving ESF for next year to identify local partnerships. HCC preparing a partnership for Hants, led by ACLU worth £240,000 bringing Children's Services, Recreation & Heritage and voluntary organisations.
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7.	InformationShare DAG mentioned SEEDA funded scheme organised by Improvement and Development Agency to provide essential skills learning for Council employees. TVBC, working with Eastleigh and New Forest Council's to use ESSU to provide taster courses for its manual staff.
8.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 16 May 2007, 10am-12pm at The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge.
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