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Team:	TestValleyCommunityLearningPartnership		
Date:	3 rd October2007	Copiesto:	AsListed
Venue:	TheGrosvenorHotel,Stockbridge12-2pm		

Present		
MollieAntrobus(Chief Executive,Andover& DistrictMencap)	HazelBathie (ResidentInvolvement Officer,Testway)	JanetBlann (ChiefExecutive,TVCS, ChairTVP)
PaulConnor (TABSTraining)	StephenCottrell(School ImprovementManager, HCC)	SteveEvatt (Headteacher,John HansonSchool)
DavidGleave (TVBC–Co-ordinator)	CliveGraham (CommunityEducation Manager,HarrowWay CommunitySchool)	TimJackson(Principal, SparsholtCollege, Hampshire)
BevJones(HCC, Recreation&Heritage)	RoyLawton(District Manager,Winchesterand AndoverConnexions)	JanLefley(Chairand CommunityEducation Manager,RomseySchool)
LindaMace(IBP)	MelodyMew(Enham)	WendyMorrish (Headteacher,TestValley School)
StephanieQuant (OperationsManager, LSC)	TerriSandison(Director ofLifelongLearning& StaffDevelopment, UofW)	MaryWhitworth (AreaCo-ordinator, LearningLinks)
AnnaWood(IBP)		
Apologies		
JuliaGahagan (LeadOfficerFamily Programmes,ACLU, HCC)	SuzanneGrant(IBP)	TonyMcGovern (MountbattenSchool)

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Agenda		
1.	Apologies	See above
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Agreed
3.	Workforce Skills in Andover	
4.	Transfer of Connexions Service to HCC	
5.	Celebration of Learning Event	
6.	Test Valley Community Plan New Outcomes and Actions	
7.	Any Other Business	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
<p>3. Workforce Skills in Andover (new agenda item)</p>	<p>DAG introduced the item with reference to the current debate about skill levels at Andover in connection with the proposed Airfield development (1.2m. sq. ft. of commercial floorspace, 2,500 jobs), the £25-30m. proposals for the new Andover College and suggestions put forward for a skills centre, as part of the review of the Borough's long term economic strategy by Experian. Discussions were underway with the Airfield developer for a contribution towards work to raise skill levels among Andover's workforce. It is essential that such a contribution should add to and not duplicate existing/ proposed provision and ideally be used to leverage in matched funding.</p> <p>LM described the work of IBP Training and Employment Ltd in brokering skills training to businesses throughout Hampshire. She referred to the Andover Employer Learning Hub which was funded by LSC between 2005/06 and to the success of current training programmes which IBP is delivering to local employers, notably, in the manufacturing and construction sectors, Adult Apprenticeship and business improvement techniques, such as "lean skills."</p> <p>IBP don't provide training themselves but signpost providers, in particular, colleges, such as Sparsholt. The ultimate aim of training brokerage is to encourage employers to appreciate the value of training and provide more themselves.</p>

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TJ explained that Sparsholt works closely with IBP to provide a joined-up referral service. He emphasised that Sparsholt College, Hampshire is the legal entity which covered Andover College and which applied on a set of standards across both campuses.

In terms of skills:

- 14-16 year olds: Andover has the obvious advantages of a well-developed culture of close co-operation and partnership working. By 2013 there will be 15 lines of learning (Specialised Diplomas). Although the College does not directly provide for this age group it is supporting the Andover Consortium's work.
- 16-19 agenda: Andover College has created a Sixth Form Academy and a Professions Academy.
- Connections through to HE: Sparsholt is working closely with the University of Winchester to create a continuum because many employers today are looking for level 3 and 4 qualifications eg. Jaguar Cars have devised their own level 3 apprenticeships.
- Workforce Training: A new director has been appointed who will oversee the service Andover College will provide to businesses and ensure it is as responsive as possible to their needs.

The College estate must be fit for purpose, which means the whole Andover campus is eventually likely to be demolished and re-built. The specific amount of floorspace will be determined by formulae relating to student numbers and the number of guided learning hours. However, the buildings will be high quality and sustainable.

Provision for level 2 and 14-19 year olds is a Government funding priority whereas that for adults (19+) is not. Neither, for the College, are levels 3 and 4. Therefore if additional resources were available they could be considered for – possibly in association with the university.

TS explained that the University of Winchester wants to develop provision in Andover and is being helped by Sparsholt. The University has entered an agreement with Logica CMG (in Reading) to recruit a cohort of high fliers who will work at Logica 4 days a week and work on the fifth towards a Foundation degree in Business Management with U of W. This arrangement avoids the need for students to leave the area to go to university.

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	<p>SE reminded the meeting that Stannah were similarly Degrees in engineering.</p> <p>AW suggested that the need to improve co-ordination in through a virtual skills centre.</p> <p>SC contrasted the immediacy of need versus developing the future. The Consortium's Curriculum Group is looking</p> <p>MA asked for those with special educational needs not to</p> <p>WM felt that the Vision is all about the 14-19 age and that the Consortium will feed upward towards levels 3 and 4 and across to employability.</p> <p>DAG concluded by requesting any further observations and promising to keep the group informed about developments.</p> <p>4. Transfer of Connexions Service to HCC (new item, RL)</p> <p>The item was requested in order to brief the group on the transfer of the Connexions service to Hampshire County Council (HCC) from 1 April 2008 by combining it with the Youth Service to provide an integrated youth support function. All high street Connexions offices would close.</p> <p>By contrast, most LEAs have decided to contract with the existing Connexions service to ensure a gradual and considered transfer of the service.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised for the quality of guidance available for 13-19 year olds, especially those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) who need an accessible, central location.</p> <p>Connexions receive 50,000 calls p.a. including 3,000 to the Andover office – which is double what the previous advisory service received when it was in Andover Library.</p> <p>Personal advisors will be dispersed to schools, colleges, libraries etc and lose the benefit of working together, supported by a central management, IT, promotion etc. A single central facility in Andover is more accessible to young people living in the rural part of the Borough than services spread among the various schools, which are less well served by public transport.</p> <p>The capacity of Career Guidance staff is simply not available to support a dispersed service. Experienced staff may consider moving from Hampshire to</p>	<p>sponsoring Foundation</p> <p>training could be done</p> <p>right curriculum for a employability skills.</p> <p>be forgotten.</p> <p>and that the Consortium will</p> <p>omising to keep</p> <p>the transfer of the</p> <p>1 April 2008 by</p> <p>egrated youth support</p> <p>existing Connexions</p> <p>he service.</p> <p>ilable for 13-19 year</p> <p>Training (NEET) who</p> <p>the Andover office –</p> <p>d when it was in</p> <p>aries etc and lose</p> <p>management, IT,</p> <p>more accessible to young</p> <p>services spread among the</p> <p>ort.</p> <p>able to support a</p> <p>Hampshire to</p>
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Portsmouth, Southampton or other neighbouring counties where the current style of Connexions Service is being retained.

There is not the space or IT facilities in schools. In some cases pupils have been banned from school premises and many won't want to return to their school for confidential advice.

The proposed dismantling of a universal service, employing 300 people and its replacement across the county all in a matter of 3 short months, between January and March 2008, would cause a major disruption.

A consultant appointed by HCC recommended a 2 year transfer period in representations to the County Council's Children's services portfolio holder, Councillor Kirk, who is to make a decision on 11 October 2007.

JB congratulated Connexions for their work in promoting the Wheels to Work scheme and queried how the changes would affect that referral work.

Agreed: That the Group write to Councillor Kirk requesting a longer period of transfer based on the practical difficulties of the April 2008 deadline and the disruption it will cause to a vulnerable section of young people.

5. Celebration of Learning Event (CG)

The 17 October 2007 Conference to disseminate good practice beyond Test Valley, which was to have been held at The Lights, has been cancelled because:-

it clashed with HCC's Adult and Family Learning Forum (the HCC Adult Family Learning Service were to have given a presentation at the Test Valley conference at The Lights); and

it fell too early to do justice to the contribution of Family Learning by Jean Lannie, who sadly died in September 2007.

JL and CG are working with HCC on its annual Parenting Conference in March 2008 to run a Test Valley workshop which will draw on Jean Lannie's work on Family and Adult Learning. This work has exemplified partnership working at local level at its best; providing practical ways of help in families and adults.

On 15 November 2007 the regular Andover Family Learning Forum (which Jean established) will devote time to the launch of the Partnership Directory and Celebration of Learning brochure and will go on to pay tribute to Jean's major contribution to Andover and Test Valley. Partnership presentations from

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	<p>Andover and District MENCAP, Enham, Health Visitor Maggie Fisher on Family Links and David Kane, Sports Development Co-ordinator with Testway HA.</p> <p>Note for CG: All have prepared an 8 minute presentation on partnership working and Family Learning is for everyone so we anticipate needing about 45 minutes on the agenda that morning.</p> <p>6. Test Valley Community Plan New Outcomes and Actions (DAG)</p> <p>DAG thanked RL for his comments and requested any further thoughts from members of the group.</p> <p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>Diversity Workshop 1.30p.m. on 15 October 2007 at Longstock Village Hall (JB);</p> <p>TAP Update (JB) – Atholl Court shop, “Askalot” now open but manning the shop is an issue;</p> <p>Reduction in adult learners (BJ) – Hampshire’s strategic role should be an item for discussion at the next meeting;</p> <p>“Raising Aspirations, Realising Potential” (SE) – a consultant, Rob Sammonds has been appointed to take the document to the next stage and will be approaching members of the group for their thoughts;</p> <p>Test Valley Hampshire Action Team (SC) the subject of school improvement at Andover needs to be seen in the context of all that is now beginning to happen from pre-school (Andover Children’s centres) to Homecare provision;</p> <p>Youth Opportunities Fund (JB) funding was still available; Janet will ensure schools are fully informed;</p> <p>Section 106 (Planning) Contributions for community facilities in Romsey (JL) Consultants are asking people in Romsey (mid October) what the Abbottswood housing developments should provide.</p> <p>8. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 5th December 2007 at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge, 12-2pm-lunch provided.</p>
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