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Team:	TestValleyCommunityLearningPartnership		
Date:	5 th December2007	Copiesto:	AsListed
Venue:	TheGrosvenorHotel,Stockbridge12-2pm		

Present		
ChristineBridger (FoundationLearning Manager,Andover College)	PaulConnor (TABSTraining)	StephenCottrell(School ImprovementManager, HCC)
JuliaGahagan (LeadOfficerFamily Programmes,ACLU, HCC)	DavidGleave (TVBC–Co-ordinator)	CliveGraham(Community EducationManager, HarrowWayCommunity School)
BevJones(HCC, Recreation&Heritage)	RoyLawton(District Manager,Winchesterand AndoverConnexions)	JanLefley(Chairand CommunityEducation Manager,RomseySchool)
WendyMorrish (Headteacher,TestValley School)	TerriSandison(Director ofLifelongLearning& StaffDevelopment, UofW)	CouncillorMrsAnnTupper
MaryWhitworth (AreaCo-ordinator, LearningLinks)		
Apologies		
SteveEvatt (Headteacher,John HansonSchool)	SylviaFrench (AndoverCollege)	TonyMcGovern (MountbattenSchool)
TimJackson(Principal, SparsholtCollege, Hampshire)	MelodyMew(Enham)	

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Agenda		
1.	Apologies	See above
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	
3.	Matters Arising	
4.	Celebration Document	
5.	Update from subgroups	
6.	Extended Services Update	
7.	Any Other Business	
8.	Dates of Future Meetings	

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that Tony McGovern is leaving Moorhatch School to return to Rushmoor. His enthusiasm and thoroughness will be missed.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (3rd October 2007)</p> <p>Agreed subject to replacing "downwards" with "across" in the penultimate paragraph of item 3.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of Connexions (RL) <p>All Connexions Centres will close except Basingstoke and Appleton where the buildings are owned by HCC. The new Head of Performance and Planning, Children's Service Department, Hampshire County Council, Alison Alexander, is making visits across Hampshire and looking for new bases.</p>

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- **Celebration of Learning Event (CG)**

The original Test Valley Family Learning Conference had to be cancelled but the pre-arranged Andover Family Learning Forum on 17 October 2007 was used to launch the new Andover Parentaid Directory, AC celebration of Lifelong Learning in Test Valley. BJ gave a eulogy for the late Jean Lannie and described her significant contribution to Andover Family Learning to a very well-attended forum.

- **Ask a lot shop, King Arthur's Way (CG)**

The use of a long empty shop unit as a drop in centre is a tangible demonstration of how the Turnaround Project is helping to raise the quality of life among residents of Alamein ward. Opening times are still an issue with the need for at least two members of staff but progress is being made. The 4 computers have been configured for Learn Direct. The council or Tupper mentioned that True Life Christian Fellowship church was pursuing a similar venture in North Baddesley called the Community One Stop Shop.

- **Hampshire Learning Partnership (BJ)**

BJ described the background to HLP which is funded by LSC and NIACE and is designed to get LEAs to develop more coordinated learning partnerships to deliver adult learning. With the increased cost of informal adult learning a variety of providers has grown up (public, private and voluntary) leaving learners with an uncoordinated and potentially confusing array of providers and an inconsistent quality of provision.

A strategic group is bringing providers together and will, in due course, work through district learning partnerships. Not all 11 are as well developed as Test Valley's.

A March 2008 conference will bring together partner organisations and consider future funding. There is a concern that the drop off in learner numbers (associated with cost, confusion and increasing burden of performance monitoring) could see an end to subsidised Personal and Community Development Learning (PCDL) within a few years.

HLP is due to end in July 2008 but HCC see it as a non-going reform of its own service delivery, way of working with delivery agents and ways of identifying and filling obvious gaps.

BJ described a "tight-loose" approach to partnership working; tight on quality

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	<p>control and objectives but loose on how partner agencies those goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising Aspirations–Realising Potential–Rob Sal (SC) <p>RS has been appointed by Andover Partnership to advise on how best Andover schools can work together for mutual benefit including through “managed moves between schools”. There is already a strong partnership ethos but scope for greater collaboration. RS is seeing W Mon 5 December 2007 to gain ideas on how to develop the partnership work.</p>	<p>es deliver to meet</p> <p>mons consultant</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Celebration Document (CG)</p> <p>Clive thanked DAG for his work on the document and asked to all Test Valley Borough Councillors, Test Valley County Board and PMG. BJ would give a copy to the Leader of H</p> <p>About 50 copies each are being distributed to:</p> <p>TVBC, Harrow Way Community School, Andover & District Community College, University of Winchester, Romsey School, M School and HCC. Other schools and organisations have a small number. The above organisations have been invoiced</p>	<p>hata copy besent ty Councillors, TVP CC.</p> <p>sortium, ount batten sobe engivena by TVBC.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update from subgroups</p> <p>Adult and Community Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hampshire Learning Partnership – see above. Basic Skills (CG) <p>We would like to compile end of academic year attainment figures from the main providers and up to now have been missing the College’s contribution. Given historic data on low basic levels in parts of Andover it would be interesting to know whether collectively partners are making a difference.</p> <p>In order to establish a benchmark, information could be brought together from:</p> <p>Andover Family Learning – Family literacy/numeracy etc.</p>	<p>figures from the ge’s contribution. it would be gadifference.</p> <p>brought together</p>

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<p>WM recounted the practical problems of introducing the Diploma:</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>i) each cohort of children could be out of school for 2 days of curriculum time (one in another school, the other at a workplace); with these second cohort beginning the Specialised Diploma this would increase to 4 days which would make timetabling very complex.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>ii) the points score for qualifications attained will go to the original school, not the one hosting pupils for any Specialised Diploma; any tensions would have to be managed through successes being shared.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>iii) different protocols between schools for uniform, behaviour etc.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>WM doubted the number taking Specialised Diplomas would be large in the first few years. Academic pupils will probably be continuing with GCSEs, non-academic pupils will stay with vocational qualifications (e.g. BTEC) because the Specialised Diplomas still require a lot of written work.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>The first Specialised Diploma courses in Test Valley are not likely to be until 2009.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>HE does not yet support Specialised Diplomas unequivocally: the level 3 Specialised Diploma is not yet attached to the UCAFT arrangements and the Russell Group of Universities would prefer A Levels to UCAFPoint.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>• Aim higher (TS)</p>	
<p>The present 3 year funding will run to 2011 (precisely 2008). University of Winchester will continue to target Andover) with year on year activity and others like Test Valley Schools as normal.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>
<p>• Gifted and Talented (WM)</p>	
<p>Government now requires schools to contribute to a national register listing all Gifted and Talented pupils. Schools must distinguish between Ability and Talented and whereas performance statistics can help define academic qualities it is more difficult assembling the qualitative justification for Gifted status (e.g. what league the football team they play for!). The next question is how schools can demonstrate they are using G&T registers to develop pupil's aptitudes further.</p>	<p>Specialised</p>

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6. Extended Services Update (CG/JL)

Funding has been secured for the next 3 years. Hampshire is split into 20 areas, including Test Valley North and Test Valley South.

The £8,000 per cluster funding will go to:

- capacity building – pump priming/developmental work; and
- co-ordination of services.

Extended services is one of a whole range of measures designed to raise attainment. It will help individual families and children gain more support.

Andover

Harrow Way Community School is the lead school and line manager of the co-ordinator on behalf of the other Andover schools. CG is acting as co-ordinator but a new appointment for a co-ordinator is imminent. Their role will be to:

- meet schools, individually or in clusters; and
- help schools and clusters create a development plan for extended services around school improvement based on the School Improvement Framework Toolkit.

Various elements within the Extended Services Partnership Group have a pot of money to spend e.g. partner organisations; special schools/Andover Education Centre; and the other schools.

For example, as a partner, TVBC's Sports Development worker is buying some mobile gym equipment. TVBC is also developing art work in schools and Andover Family Learning is extending the EattoLive project down the Valley from its base at Longmeadow Centre. Test Valley School is using funding to put a PC in its reception for parentstouse.

Romsey

There is the Romsey Contact newsletter; website (receiving 20,000 hits per month, so with potential for advertising); allotment project on several primary schools sites; study support groups, CRB – checked adult help in children study after 3:30pm; cyberbullying workshops in primary schools; grant funding projects at a maximum of £500; Arts Project 2008.

The Extended Services Partnership Group is looking to become a charity limited

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	<p>by guarantee in order to attract funding.</p> <p>Ofsted visited Romsey School in December 2007 and describe the effect of extended services as having "an outstanding effect across the school".</p> <p>Significantly also Romsey School won the Extended School of the Year category in the Children and Young People Service Awards sponsored by ContinYu.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>PC – The Learn Direct programme is distributing free of charge a book to help parents improve their own literacy by sending with their children, called Where did the River Go? (see www.wheredidtherivergo.co.uk). Parents have to register with Learn Direct etc. to obtain a copy but PC is happy to make it available to local schools.</p> <p>DAG was approached by Lynne Thompson, Andover Field Worker for Volunteer Reading Help (lynne.thompson@vrh.org.uk). He will pass details to CG.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Dates of Future Meetings - at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge, 12-2pm - lunch provided.</p> <p>Thursday 28th February 2008 Thursday 22nd May 2008 Wednesday 2nd July 2008 Wednesday 15th October 2008 Wednesday 3rd December 2008</p>