

# Community Learning MINUTES



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<b>Team:</b>	TestValleyCommunityLearningPartnership		
<b>Date:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> February2008	<b>Copiesto:</b>	AsListed
<b>Venue:</b>	TheGrosvenorHotel,Stockbridge12-2pm		

<b>Present</b>		
RogerBuck (FirstPartnershipEBP)	PaulConnor (TABSTraining)	StephenCottrell(School ImprovementManager, HCC)
SylviaFrench (AndoverCollege)	DavidGleave (TVBC–Co-ordinator)	CliveGraham(Community EducationManager, HarrowWayCommunity School)
BevJones(HCC, Recreation&Heritage)	JanLefley(Chairand CommunityEducation Manager,Romsey School)	JaneLong(Andoverand District14-19Consortium)
WendyMorrish (Headteacher,TestValley School)	TerriSandison(Director ofLifelongLearning& StaffDevelopment, UofW)	MartinSimmons(Vice Principal,Sparsholt College)
MikeStone(14-19 ConsortiaConsultant, HCC)	CouncillorMrsAnn Tupper	MaryWhitworth (AreaCo-ordinator, LearningLinks)
<b>Apologies</b>		
SteveEvatt (Headteacher,John HansonSchool)	TimJackson(Principal, SparsholtCollege, Hampshire)	LesleyJohnson (MountbattenSchool)
RoyLawton(District Manager,Winchesterand AndoverConnexions)	SarahSmith (Testway)	

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

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> December 2007)</b></p> <p>Agreed subject to minor amendment - reference to Andover Consortium requested by WM.</p>
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Transfer of Connexion to HCC</b> WM reported there would be continuity of service to Autumn 2008 with schools keeping their advisors. Deborah Harkin has been appointed to run the service within the County Council.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Askalot</b> The Archbishop of Canterbury visited Alamein ward on 27 February 2008, including Askalot. A similar one-stop shop will open in April/May which will be used by Housing/Police. It will be managed by Community Church who will lease the shop from TVBC.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Raising Aspirations – Realising Potential</b> The Andover Education Partnership Group received the above paper, which is now being taken forward in a strategic way. Test Valley Schools network is included. Further links need to be developed with other networks. The first stage of planning will take place on 6 May 2008 when the Innovations Unit will facilitate a workshop.</p> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celebration of Learning Brochure</b> All paid except one organisation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Update from subgroups</b></p> <p><b>4.1 14-19 Consortia (MS and JL)</b></p>	<p>MS gave a full presentation and circulated two sheets on the operation of 14-19 learning consortia in Test Valley.</p> <p>Two strong themes were: employer engagement and collaboration. JL mentioned The Business of Learning conference on 6 March 2008 at The Lights as an example of the former.</p> <p>JL explained that because Andover had a high number of young people not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) the Andover and District Consortium was using School Engagement Funding and ESF to target potentially pre-NEET pupils at Key Stage 4 and give them alternative out-of-school activities. However, funding is short term. The Consortium has just appointed a work-related Learning Officer who will monitor students at Key Stage 4 and identify long term work placements.</p> <p>The Consortium was also working with the Teenage Pregnancy working party and its programme of learning, developed with Andover Family Learning.</p> <p>An area-wide, web-based prospectus has to be in place soon which will allow students to look for courses and qualifications anywhere in Hampshire. MS noted that the Diploma was introduced to improve outcomes for the 50% of pupils who do not achieve good GCSEs.</p> <p>The group discussed the nature and content of the new Diploma, which represents the technical certificate of an NVQ2 but which is not designed to demonstrate occupational competence. Some pupils need a <u>more</u> vocational qualification route.</p> <p>Although the titles of the diplomas sound purely vocational they are not vocational qualifications but contain academic and technical material. They can, however, deliver functional skills by stealth.</p> <p>WM raised the concern of those pupils who want to do practical skills at 16, including functional skills. There is a danger of losing the least able pupils who might struggle with the new diploma or an apprenticeship.</p>

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In this regard, the Increased Flexibility programme was a very important and although expensive should be maintained.

## 4.2 Basic Skills (CG)

- **Benchmark Data**

For the next meeting it is hoped to have attainment data showing the number of adults (post 19) who have achieved Levels 1 and 2 for 2006/07 including Learn Direct, ESOL, Family Learning (Romsey School and Harrow Way Community School) and Andover College provision. It will give the number of national test passes, number of learners and number of learners demonstrating progression. In the future we can look more closely at post codes and age groups.

- **EOL, Alamein** – CG circulated an update from Christine Alexander.

SF reported that she is talking to Christine Alexander to see if computer sessions can take place at the Phoenix Centre with both EOL and the Colleges supplying laptops.

- **Hampshire Learning Network (BJ)**

This countrywide partnership is being encouraged by NIACE and LSC in order to identify where adult "leisure learners" are now obtaining learning, which organisations are still delivering adult learning and to ensure coordinated best practice.

There is a central strategic group with district partnerships of which Test Valley's is a model example.

A conference on 12 March 2008 will give an opportunity to consider a countrywide vision of adult learning provision, given continuous funding pressure. For example, can partner organisations such as PCTs contribute towards learning as the means of deriving health (well being) benefits?

If the Test Valley Partnership is seen as a best practice how can we be ready to respond to this process and to be able to allocate delegated funding for adult learning according to our local priorities?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Higher Education (TS)</b></li> </ul> <p>Aim higher funding will be available for the next 3 years and Isle of Wight will receive a bit more despite a 20% cut nationwide.</p> <p>In future Aim higher will be based on consortia in Hampshire rather than individual schools and Lifelong Learning Network will work more with people already in employment.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Extended Services Update</b></p> <p><b>Romsey (JL)</b></p> <p>Following Tony McGovern's departure from Mountbatten JL has been running extended services work across Romsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second edition of Romsey Contact newspaper, end of March.</li> <li>• Extended Services website received 25,000 hits in February.</li> <li>• Arts projects: Romsey Station; Arts Festival; "Tree of Life" at Hilliers Arboretum on 11 July 2008.</li> <li>• Cook and Eat programme, in association with Hampshire Caterers, in all schools.</li> <li>• JL is speaking on Extended Services at the Education Show.</li> <li>• Grants worth up to £500 are available to organisations to develop extended partnership.</li> <li>• Schools are being supported in funding applications eg. parents, governor etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Andover (CG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Francis has been appointed as Extended Services Co-ordinator.</li> <li>• An Extended Services Partnership Steering Group is coordinating activity and has drawn up an Action Plan which covers 3 priorities (which include a full offer of all services by 2010, multi-service integrated approach with links to the Children's Centres and vulnerable groups).</li> <li>• Involves special schools.</li> <li>• 5 core offers each with Actions, including affordable childcare, school to have a varied menu of activities including out of hours activities where lack of transport is a barrier TVCS may be able to help.</li> <li>• Work undertaken through the County Council's successful Big Lottery Family Learning Bid over next 3 years.</li> <li>• Parentaid Directory will become a web version by July 2008 (mirroring</li> </ul>



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<b>7.</b>	<b>Dates of Future Meetings -</b> at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge, 12-2pm - lunch provided.  Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2008 Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2008 Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2008
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