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NOTES OF MEETING

Team:	Adult&CommunityLearningGroup		
Date:	18 th May2006	Copiesto:	AsListed

Present		
MaryWhitworth (OutreachWorker, Learning Links)	DavidGleave(Co-ordinator, TVBC)	CliveGraham (Chairman, Harrow Way Community School)
JeanLannie (Co-ordinator, Andover Family Learning)	JanLefley (Romsey School)	TonyMcGovern (Mountbatten School)
BevJones(ACLU, HCC)		
Apologies		
SandyCraig(Learning Development Co-ordinator, Harrow Way Community School)		

Agenda		
1.	Apologies for Absence	See above
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Agreed
3.	Matters Arising	
4.	University of Winchester revised report on Family Learning in Test Valley	
5.	Funding Application to Hampshire County Council ACLU2006-07	
6.	Reports	
7.	Information Share	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	

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Summarised notes of the discussion and action points		Action by whom	Action by when
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>All on agenda.</p>		
4.	<p>University of Winchester revised report on Family Learning in Test Valley</p> <p>Re-cap on recommendations:</p> <p>a) extend and develop work with partner agencies; including planning for Extended Schools. This is common practice now.</p> <p>b) Strategies for secure funding .A key issue: 2008 looks bleak as the priority is 14-19 year olds.</p> <p>c) Record keeping to track individual learners' achievement. ACLU's AQUA system does this already but does not track learner destinations or progression. This would be labour intensive and therefore expensive. It could only be done by contacting learners by phone to find out what they had done subsequently.</p> <p>d) Recruitment and advertising. Again, this is labour intensive and expensive. Consequently, much is done through network contact eg. health professionals, mother and toddler groups rather than blanket leafleting. More could be done, however, with employers and GPs who now prescribe leisure activities rather than medication and could prescribe learning as well.</p>		

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	<p>e) Extend Family Learning to Learners who do not meet criteria for funded courses. This may be becoming easier from 2006/07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding is now available if the learner has been referred by a partner agency • the previous barrier, that those already with a level 2 qualification were ineligible, has been partially lifted. It now only applies to level 2 qualifications gained in the last 5 years. • Family Learning, Literacy and Numeracy courses can have parent-only groups, dealing with Essential Skills. <p>f) Develop strategies to reduce the paperwork learners need to complete.</p> <p>Action: Jantorais with ACLU through the forum.</p> <p>g) Progression in skills for staff. Should we support the creation locally of a foundation degree in family learning? (they do exist elsewhere, in Leeds etc). Alternatively, staff could be developed by training opportunities put on by other agencies.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>In terms of taking forward the University of Winchester report a number of options were considered including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writing to funding agencies – Hampshire County Council, Hampshire LSC, South East LSC (as the chair had been asked by TVP Board) 	<p>JL</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holding a Test Valley or Hampshire conference to raise the profile of Family Learning. <p>It was apparent that the Big Lottery Family Learning Fund would not now be available in June (as promised) but September at the earliest meaning bids would go in by April and results not known before September 2007! It remains the intention to submit a Test Valley bid.</p> <p>However, it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the chairman would draft a short document showing how the group had received the findings (covering generic benefits of Family Learning, the scale of Family Learning in Test Valley, need for Family Learning to be responsibly funded to work with Children's Centres, Extended Schools, a future Cricklade College etc). The document would summarise how critical Family Learning is within the Borough and why future funding is so essential. <p>Action: DAG to liaise with HCC to see how Family Learning can be supported by the Test Valley (and other district) Partnership as a Priority in the Hampshire Local Area Agreement.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>DAG</p>	
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<p>5.</p>	<p>Funding Application to Hampshire County Council (ACLU) 2006-07</p> <p>The two Romsey Community Schools and Harrow Way Community School are preparing bids to ACLU and the outcomes should be known in June/July 2006.</p> <p>Aside from Big Lottery (see above) there is the possibility of Extended Schools funding, with bids by 30.06.06 based on partnerships and secondary school clusters. The Extended Schools fund includes an element for Family Learning and Parent Support.</p>	<p>JL T McG CG</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricklade College Options Appraisal. Little contact from the consultants, Tribal Education; the Group has submitted general comments and been told we can comment in Stage 3, on the preferred option. Meanwhile, the process must be having some impact on recruitment (staff, students), range of courses, closure of Learndirect etc. • Basic Skills and Curriculum Planning - Andover Family Learning and Cricklade College. No progress while the College focuses on the Options Appraisal – we are a long way from integrated working. • Extended Schools Consultation. Andover Consultation finished. John Bowman drafted report. Jeangiving head teacher their school profiles (parents', pupils' views); one of preliminary results is for school to make as much use possible of existing services eg. TVBC Sports Development Officer, Museum Outreach Education Officer. 		

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	<p>Romsey—JohnBowmanwillpresentreportto schools,partneragenciesor23.05.06with schoolsagreeingtoajointbidonthenext step.Againonemessageisforschoolsto makebestuseofexistingsserviceseg.prepare localwebdirectory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TargetedYouthSupportPathfinder. Consultationofyoungpeopleandpartner organisationscompleted;findingswere presentedatmeeting17.05.06.Key messagesfromtheconsultationofyoung peopleincludeddrugsandalcohol,irrespective ofageorpartofTestValleyandbullying/family issues. <p>TheHampshireYouthMattersSteeringGroup hassetupaTestValleyYouthMattersGroup (thoughthisdiffersfromA.Fielding’sYouth actiongroupundertheTestValley Partnership).Itwasunclearhowany net additionalbudgetwouldbemanagedbythe groups.Intermsofcontextforany consolidationConnexionsandtheYouth Serviceareduetomergein2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TurnaroundProject. TheImplementation Grouphasa12pointActionPlan.Testway’s newmanagingdirectorhasTurnaroundProject asa keypriority.Communitydevelopmentis takingplacethroughseriesofprojects: developmentofBlenheimHallmanagement committeeintoaKAWcommunityassociation (usingtheenergygeneratedbytheschool closureconsultation);aonestopshopinKAW; successfulrangeofEasteractivitiesat BlenheimHall,supportedbyKidsChurch; TVBCnewplayfacility(needtobemanagedto avoidbullying,vandalismetc);close involvementofPoliceandHealthagencies. 		
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<p>7.</p>	<p>InformationShare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partlyasaresultofhisinvolvementsupporting LearndirectbidBevhasmovedacrossfrom ACLUtobecomeanadultlearningofficerwith HampshireCountyCouncil'sRecreationand HeritageDepartment. MaryWhitworthwillcontinuewith2daysa weekatLearningLinksbuthasbeen secondedasanAreaDevelopmentWorker (coveringTestValley,Winchesterand Eastleigh)forCommunityActionHampshire ESFprojectLearningNet,whichwillidentify anddeliverworkforcedevelopmenttrainingfor voluntarygroups. AFLEattoLiveProject. Workingwith Waitrose,TVBC,thehealthyeatingproject waslaunchedatLongmeadowon28March 2006andamarketnowrunseveryotherweek. Learningactivitiestakeplacewitheach market. <p>VigoSchool(highestincidenceofchildhood obesityinAndover)hasthemarketandother localschoolswantit.However,ithasproved sosuccessfulthatasteeringgroupahasbeen formedtomanagehowitcanbesustained. RomseyFamilyLearningareplanningto extendtheprojectwithWaitroseusing WoodleyCommunityHall.</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p>DateofNextMeeting –</p> <p>Wednesday13thSeptember2006,Romsey CommunitySchoolat09:30am.</p>		
<p>Signed:</p>		<p>Date:</p>	