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Team:	Adult&CommunityLearningGroup		
Date:	13 th September2006	Copiesto:	AsListed

Present		
CliveGraham (Chairman,HarrowWay CommunitySchool)	DavidGleave(Co-ordinator, TVBC)	JanLefley (RomseySchool)
JeanLannie (FamilyLearningand ExtendedServices Co-ordinator)	BevJones(HCCRecreation &Heritage)	
Apologies		
SandyCraig(Learning DevelopmentCo-ordinator, HarrowWayCommunity School)	MaryWhitworth (OutreachWorker, Learning Links)	

Agenda		
1.	ApologiesforAbsence	Seeabove
2.	MinutesofPreviousMeeting	Agreed
3.	MattersArising	
4.	FamilyLearning	
5.	FundingApplicationbyAFLtoHCC	
6.	CrickladeCollegeOptionsAppraisal	
7.	BigLotteryFund	
8.	InformationShare	
9.	DateofNextMeeting	

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Summarised notes of the discussion and action points		Action by whom	Action by when
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 5.g University of Winchester Report</p> <p>i) final copies distributed.</p> <p>ii) foundation degree in Family Learning</p> <p>ACTION: Janto contact Portsmouth and Southampton Universities to see if they would be interested in pursuing in principle.</p>		
4.	<p>Request for Family Learning to be included in the first review of Hampshire's Local Area Agreement – Response from Felicity Roe</p> <p>Hampshire's response (4.8.06) was that they are happy to consider the request during the autumn process but this doesn't mean any additional funding. The LAA is about doing things differently/prioritising existing funds!</p>		
5.	<p>Funding Application by AFL to Hampshire County Council</p> <p>Funding for AFL has been cut considerably for 2006/07. The effect of this is exacerbated by having to work with a deficit but slightly offset by funding from Extended Schools for Jean's appointment as Family Learning and Extended Schools Co-ordinator. The cut goes beyond the reduction in funding from the LSC to Hampshire County Council.</p> <p>AFL is being successful with smaller bids for specific pieces of work, but these do not fund the infrastructure – the trained and experienced people</p>		

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	<p>necessary to deliver the service. For example, it has a bid with the HISIFund to support the Healthy Eating Initiative. AFL will be looking to The Big Lottery when the fund is finally announced.</p> <p>By contrast, Romsey FL reduced its bid by 10% to reflect HCC's reduced funding but was subsequently asked to bid for more resources to support FL in other areas, including Leigh Park.</p> <p>AFL has linked with Kids Church Lottery Bid, which has reached the second round, to develop a Family Centre. AFL is working with Shepherd's Spring Junior School, one of 12 LAA Flagship Schools, but the school has been identified for closure so there can be no long term work there. Similarly, the number of Health Visitors is being reduced and they provide an essential link and point of referral for AFL.</p> <p>Resources are being reduced by HCC at the same time that partnership working is being heavily promoted, through Extended Schools. The cuts in funding mean that AFL is losing experienced and trained full time people and having to replace them with fewer part time people. This is eroding its ability to make a full contribution in partnership work.</p> <p>It appears that County funding is going to areas which do not have the necessary infrastructure and experience to deliver FL instead of supporting groups like AFL, which have taken years to establish, and which could deliver and support work elsewhere as well.</p> <p>The impact of reduced funding on the delivery of family learning at Andover is:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attracting fewer adults back into learning – leading to lower participation in both “leisure” and vocational learning (at the same time Cricklade College’s “leisure” courses have been heavily reduced in number and increased in cost) 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced ability to work with partnerseg Turnaround Project, Teenage Pregnancy Working Party which require pump priming to deliver learning to target groups • inability to make a full contribution to the Extended Schools agenda, working with schools • inability to address the large but hidden need to encourage learning in the rural area. <p>AFL need to diversify its sources of funding and reduce its dependence on ACLU. It needs two years funding to carry it through to a Big Lottery Bid. AFL attracted 700 learners last year in a priority area of need yet its funding is uncertain, shorter term and declining. And overall always needed a 10 year programme. We are only halfway.</p> <p><i>A Celebration of Community Learning in Test Valley Brochure and the 2006 Test Valley Family Learning Conference</i></p> <p>This year's conference will be held at Longstock on 30 November 2006, would be the ideal venue at which both to celebrate what is being achieved but warn of the serious implications of continuing budget cuts – "Test Valley Family Learning – at the Brink".</p> <p>A good way of doing this would be to update the previous brochure published in 2003. It would include quotes from beneficiaries, partner organisations (headteachers, librarians, health visitor setc) inspectors, funders like ACLU, Recreation & Heritage. Jan reported that both Councillor Kirk and Councillor Mrs Felicity Hinson, the Children's Service portfolio holder were going to come to the Family Learning weekend at Calshot.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> DG to book hall and invite Roger Tetstall, and copy the original brochure around to the group.</p> <p>All to submit potential material to Jan Lefley over the next 3 weeks for a meeting at the end of October,</p>		
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	<p>afterthenextTVCLPatStockbridge.</p> <p>BJtocontactDavidSmithatEastSussexLSCasa guestspeakerasheisproFamilyLearning(and basedatLSCregionalHQ).</p>		
6.	CrickladeCollegeOptionsAppraisal		
6.1	Announcementdelayed,nowexpectedaround18 September,perhapsunderstandablytheCollegeis focussedinwardsandanyrelationshipwithAFLis extremelyweak.		
6.2	BasicSkills –noprogressionanyjointworkbetween AFLandCrickladeCollege.		
6.3	ExtendedSchools/ServicesFundingApplications toHampshireCountyCouncil		
	<p>BothTestValleybidshavebeensuccessful.Romsey hasreceived£45,000betweenitstwosecondary schoolsandprimaryclusters.Andoverhasreceived £50,000betweenitsthreesecondaryschools.Test ValleySchooldidnotbidbecauseitisnotconsidered anobviouspriority.</p> <p>Andoverisapproachingitsthirdworkshop(of4), Romseyitssecond.Thisisthesecond,ofthree, year’sfunding(thefirstsawworkonconsultationand mappingwhatwashappeningandresultedinJohn Bowman’s3reports).</p> <p>Ultimatelythedepthofengagementbetweenpartner organisationsandschoolswilldependonthelevelof scrutinybyOfsted.Ifinspectionsbecomemore cursorytheinitiativemaybenotbeaseffective.</p>		

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<p>6.4</p>	<p>Targeted Youth Support</p> <p>There is a concern that although the level of officer bureaucracy proliferates the ultimate discipline to ensure the objective of Every Child Matters may be missing.</p> <p>Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Youth Matters Group (covers 13-19 years) • Test Valley Youth Matters (0-19 years) – part of Test Valley Partnership • Targeted Youth Support Action Group – Test Valley national pilot • 4 workstreams including Workforce, Inclusion, Community Development, Prevention <p>There is the potential for duplication with other T VP action groups as well as the sheer workload of often the same individuals from small organisations attending half day meetings, led by consultants, with the end goals unclear.</p> <p>At the same time, schools – which are in contact with all young people – have not been closely involved in discussions on the Common Assessment Framework as yet, and secondly, families do not have to get involved so, arguably those most relevant to the ECM agenda, may not.</p> <p>The Common Assessment Framework is being piloted in Alamein ward. It is understood that information on individuals will be collated through a central clearinghouse.</p> <p>The final outcome of the process will be district-based Locality Teams, including 3 new Family Support Worker posts, which should be working closely with schools.</p>		
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<p>6.5</p>	<p>TurnaroundProjectUpdate</p> <p>KingArthur’sHallhasbeenredecorated;thevacant shopwillberefurbishedandthecostofitsfirstyear’ runningcostsbornebyTVBC.Thepostof NeighbourhoodWorker,tobemanagedbyTVCS, hasbeenadvertised.Theremitforthepostsouldbe widerthanmakingthemostuseofthehall.</p>	<p>s</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>BigLotteryFund</p> <p>19September2006–meetingatCountyRecords OfficeonBLF–shouldhavebeenlaunched November2006butmaybedelayedtoMarch2007.</p> <p>BJsuggestedthataHampshire-widebidcouldbe puttogether,possiblyledbyTestValley,which wouldbesupportedbyHCCRecreation& Heritage.</p>		
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p>InformationShare</p> <p>TVPisreviewingtheCommunityPlan.Aneducation andlearninggroupisverylikelytocontinueasoneof thekeyactiongroups.</p> <p>RomseySchoolhaslinkedupwithagreengrocery shopinRomseytodelivertheHealthyEating Initiative.</p> <p>HCCastheLearndirectcontractwhichwillcover Havant,GosportandTestValley–withcentresat LongmeadowCentre(managedbyHarrowWay CommunitySchool)andRomseySchool.</p> <p>LearndirectwillencourageSkillsforLife(basicskills) andworkwithlibrariestoencouragepeopleinto learningegRomseySchoolisholdingcoursesforthe visuallyimpairedinRomseyLibrary.</p>		

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<p>8.4</p>	<p>Romsey School is delivering a NVQ level 2 Childcare course at the Phoenix Centre, Andover.</p> <p>Harrow Way Community School is anticipated to submit its bid for Specialist School Status in Maths and IT in March 2007.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting –</p> <p>Wednesday 1st November 2006 at 2:30pm, after the Test Valley Community Learning Group meeting at The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge.</p>		
<p>Signed:</p>		<p>Date:</p>	