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Team:	Test Valley Community Learning Partnership		
Date:	14 June 2011	Copies to:	As Listed
Venue:	The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge 12.00 -2.00pm		

Present		
George Allen (Head of Hampshire Learning)	Cath Calcraft (Andover Adult & Family Learning)	Paul Connor (TABS Training)
Dawn Elson (Test Valley Community Services)	David Gleave (TVBC – Co-ordinator of the Group)	Patrick Goatley (Deputy Head Teacher Harrow Way Community School)
Tony Green (Learning Manager, Andover College)	Andrea Hulme (Leisure Learning Manager, County Library Service)	Jo Osman (Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus)
Ellen Farmer (Co-ordinator, Wisdom Centre, Romsey)	Lesley Johnson (Adult & Community Learning Co-ordinator, Mountbatten School)	Jan Lefley (Community Education Manager, Romsey Community School)
Sue Muldowney (Hampshire Learning, Quality and Curriculum Development, HCC)	Helen Overton (Romsey Community School)	Beryl Pratley (Broughton Learning)
Maggs Todd (Community Education Manager, Harrow Way Community School)	Sheila Sahota (Childcare Development Co-ordinator (Test Valley))	Terri Sandison (Director of Lifelong Learning and Staff Development, The University of Winchester)
Apologies		
Lisa Aitkin (Enham)	Janet House (Team Leader, Andover Connexions)	Louisa Hiscock (head teacher Test Valley School)
Melody Mew (Enham)	Chris McShane (head teacher Winton School)	Jo Parker (The Children's Society, Stockbridge)
Martin Simmons (Vice Principal, Sparsholt College)	Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum)	Ann Truman (District Manager, Education & Inclusion, HCC)
Richard Watson (Team Manager, Youth Support Service)		

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Agenda			
1.	Apologies		See above
2.	Election of Chairman		
2.	Minutes of previous meetings on 8 March 2011		
3.	Matters Arising		
4.	Funding Update for Academic Year 2011-2012		
5.	Moving the Partnership Forward		
6.	Any Other Business		
7.	Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13 th September 2011 (at Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge 12 noon -2.00pm)		

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
1.	<p>Election of Chairman Jan Lefley agreed to chair the Group for the next year. Jan is keen to ensure the Group is represented in discussions among the Test Valley Management Group and Board.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies – see above</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting on 8 March 2011 – agreed</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Job Clubs (JL) Higher numbers at Romsey Job Club are down to Stuart Bannerman's efforts to publicise its services. It is also now linked into Romsey Chamber of Commerce from whom it receives information on vacancies.</p> <p>Volunteering (DE) TVCS working in Andover JCP, getting 60% attendance rate.</p> <p>TABs Training (PC) Offering Employment & Personal Development courses –pretty successful. Andover College now offering a similar course as are the prime contractors for the Work Programme.</p> <p>TVBC (DAG) i) Successful Business of Learning Conference on 22 March 2011, as</p>

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	<p>part of Andover Vision. The Co-op gave an inspiring presentation about the company's work with schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Launch of "111 in 2011" on 8 June 2011, a campaign organised by the National Apprenticeships Service and supported by TVBC and local training providers to encourage employers in Test Valley to create 111 new apprenticeships before the end of the year; iii) Andover Skills Fund – TVBC preparing a release describing how the £500,000 Section 106 funding to raise skills in Andover will be managed. It is hoped to launch the fund in July 2011. iv) Andover Junior Graduation – the 4th annual event will take place on 22 and 25 July 2011 involving 400+ Year 6 pupils from all 9 Andover Junior schools. We are all very grateful to the University of Winchester maintaining its support for this work despite losing its Aim Higher funding.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Funding Update for Academic Year 2011/12 (GA)</p> <p>A joint Test Valley bid was accepted by Hampshire Learning. It included delivery in New Forest, East Hampshire, Winchester and Eastleigh - as well as Test Valley.</p> <p>The bid is worth £307.791, of which £255,000 will be spent in Test Valley, from a total of £1.8m. across Hampshire.</p> <p>All leisure learning will receive concessions (reductions in fees) despite the reduction in overall funding in line with full cost recovery.</p> <p>JL is leading a Hampshire-wide bid, worth £75,000, to NIACE – "Learning in a Box" – aimed at delivering learning to voluntary and community organisations – "sparkers who will ignite learning across the county."</p> <p>It would involve using the mobile bus to reach targeted families in rural communities.</p> <p>GA described Test Valley's joint bid as a model for other partnerships. The County had asked bidders to consider a range of options including cuts of 25-40% but thankfully the final reduction was (only) 25%.</p> <p>Faced with having to make difficult reductions, there are tensions in Children's Services, between Adult Learning, Youth Services and Children's Centres. Hampshire Learning will be considering whether to encourage district-wide bids (like Test Valley's) next year.</p> <p>The Government's Adult Learning Safeguarded budget is protected until the end</p>

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of the Spending Review in 2015. However Government is launching a review of Adult & Community Learning in the Autumn which will look at the economic imperatives of employability and the social needs health and wellbeing including among older people. John Hayes, Minister for Adult Learning has done a good job in protecting his budget – let's hope he's not re-shuffled!

TS –The Government's long-awaited white paper on The Future of Higher Education is not expected until the Autumn.

TG – responsible for adult literacy and numeracy and ESOL, funded by SFA and YPLA, – the proposal to remove fee remission for ESOL means the College has tweaked its offer. For eg JSA and ESA claimants will no longer receive ESOL for free and it is likely there will be a 15% reduction in take up. The overall offer (including essential skills) will grow but there is the constant challenge of reaching those with need.

The College was asked by Andover JCP to get involved with Job Clubs and is working with Andover Adult & Family Learning (CC & MT). The College is delivering in Ludgershall and Tidworth.

MT – Andover Adult & Family Learning (Harrow Way Community School) has submitted a bid to NIACE, (worth £39,800) to deliver family learning to about 100 beneficiaries in the rural area.

Aster also submitted a bid.

It would strengthen such bids if there was a degree of co-ordination but this is not always easy with tight deadlines and competition. It would be helpful at least if we shared information on who is bidding for what just in case linkages can be made. As the Group's co-ordinator David Gleave would be happy to exchange information if sent.

JO – Maximus and A4E are Hampshire's prime contractors for delivering the Work Programme. Following a discussion of the implications of the WP (i.e. not that many 18 month claimants and JCP will do everything possible to find long term claimants work) it was:

AGREED: Jo Osman to give a 15 minute presentation at the September meeting on the Work programme, including opportunities for joint working with sub contractors.

BP referred to a bid Broughton Learning had made to Hampshire Learning which was still under consideration.

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6.	<p>Moving the Partnership Forward</p> <p>Following a re-cap PG felt that the partnership, led by the community schools, needs to do more to share best practice. There are the constraints of individual budget codes, but partners need to get together to understand how to do more with less, how to cover the rural area, possibly using more volunteers, – constraints and opportunities and develop a strategy and action plan for the next 3 years.</p> <p>PG referred to Harrow Way’s holistic approach of supporting the parents of learners as well as the pupils. However there is a capacity problem: if A&AFL has taken a £90,000 hit to a budget already insufficient to fully address need, how can we deal with even greater needs across the whole Borough?</p> <p>AGREED: A special meeting of the Group will take place at The Grosvenor Hotel on Tuesday 15 November 2011 between 9.30-12.30pm to produce an action for joint working over the next 3 years.</p>
7.	<p>Future of Children’s Centres in Test Valley</p> <p>The running of all of Hampshire’s Children’s Centres will go out to tender, with bids required in July. There are now 4 in Test Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acorns (St Mary’s, Millway, Winton wards)• Spring Meadow (Alamein, Charlton, Harrow Way wards)• Poppies (Amport, Anna, Bourne Valley, Harewood, Penton Bellinger wards) and Water Meadows (Dun Valley, Over Wallop, Kings Somborne and Michelmersh, Broughton and Stockbridge) have merged• Little Oaks (Abbey, Tadburn, Romsey Extra, Cupernham wards) and Sunshine (North Baddesley, Ampfield and Braishfield, Chilworth Nursling and Rownhams wards) have merged. <p>A consortium, led by TVCS will bid to manage the Test Valley Centres. Linked to other district bids this would ensure local services are delivered by local groups who are familiar with the area and issues.</p> <p>JL is advising other groups that merging children’s centres does not have to be detrimental.</p>

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8. Any Other Business

SS has come across from New Forest to co-ordinate good quality childcare provision in Test Valley. There is not enough childcare in Cupernham and Alamein wards. Sheila would like to receive the minutes but is unsure whether she will need to attend the group all the time.

EF was invited to attend by JL. The Wisdom Centre in Romsey is part of a religious foundation and offers a conference room, therapy room and is a place for reflection and renewal. The Wisdom Centre offers opportunities for personal development and employability skills. Ellen used to work in employer engagement for a Surrey college so is familiar with today's discussion.

GA referred to the Government's forthcoming review of ACL and how this partnership should plan for that challenge.

TS referred to graduate employability and said that the University offers volunteering modules and work placements.

The Government (Office For Fair Access) will announce next month its response to universities' proposed tuition fees and plans to widen participation.

For the University of Winchester, Widening Participation will continue to include all 9 Andover junior schools and 3 secondary schools plus schools in Basingstoke despite the abolition of Aim Higher.

For these junior schools this will mean a learner programme framework for 5-11 year olds with outcomes for each year.

JO – JCP is undergoing huge changes with the Work Programme and personalisation of benefit management.

BP – Broughton Learning has gave small grants for an association which will bring in new members into groups led by a demonstrable expert.

PC – Paul announced he was leaving TABs training to enjoy semi retirement. Jan led the Group's expression of gratitude for Paul's consistent support, in representing private training providers, over many years. His contribution will be missed.

JL – Romsey School is organising workshops, to be run by Parent Link until the end of July, which will advise professionals how to work best with parents. They are funded by the Local Children's' Partnership.

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9. Date of Next Meetings

Meetings to be held at The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge:

Tuesday 13 September 2011, 12 noon - 2.00pm

Tea and coffee will be available
but please remember to bring your own lunch

Special meeting to prepare action plan
Tuesday 15th November 2011 9.30am – 12.30pm