

# Community Learning MINUTES



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<b>Team:</b>	Test Valley Community Learning Partnership		
<b>Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	<b>Copies to:</b>	As Listed
<b>Venue:</b>	The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge 12-2pm		

<b>Present</b>		
Tim Deery (Head teacher, Portway Junior School)	David Gleave (TVBC – Co-ordinator)	Clive Graham (Community Education Manager, Harrow Way Community School)
Lesley Johnson (Mountbatten School)	Bev Jones (HCC Recreation & Heritage)	Jan Lefley (Chair and Community Education Manager, Romsey School)
Tracy Marlow (First Partnership EBP)	Debra McAndrew (HCC Education and Childcare Unit, Test Valley)	Melody Mew (Enham)
James Moody (TVBC - Partnership Manager)	Wendy Morrish (Head teacher, Test Valley School)	Terri Sandison (Director of Lifelong Learning & Staff Development, U of W)
Councillor Mrs Ann Tupper		
<b>Apologies</b>		
Hazel Bathie (Testway)	Janet Blann (Chief Executive, TVCS)	Stephen Cottrell (School Improvement Manager, HCC)
Steve Evatt (Head teacher, John Hanson School)	Sylvia French (Andover College)	Tim Jackson (Principal, Sparsholt College, Hampshire)
Jane Long (Andover and District 14-19 Consortium)	Martin Simmons (Vice Principal, Andover College)	Sarah Smith (Testway)
Julie Tremlin (Connexions Consortium Manager)	Alli Williams (Romsey Children's Centre Manager)	

*NOTE: If the nominated member of an organisation is unable to attend it would be helpful if a representative could do so (instead).*

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Agenda		
1.	Apologies	See above
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	
3.	Matters Arising	
4.	Update from sub groups/Consortia (JL)	
5.	Test Valley Community Plan - Joint Areas of Focus (JAF) (James Moody)	
6.	Election of Chair	
7.	Any Other Business	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008)</b></p> <p>Agreed subject to corrections:</p> <p>Item 3 – North Baddesley one-stop shop should read “Community Lifeline”            Item 4 – Romsey 2020 Shout Aloud should read “Shout About”</p>
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfer of Connexions to HCC</b> Still recruiting - Romsey will not be fully staffed until January 2009 so have asked HCC for funding in lieu.</li> <li>• <b>Raising Aspirations, Realising Potential</b> A conference, “Towards a Rights Respecting Community” will be held at Andover College on Friday 17 October 2008 organised by the Andover and Northern Test Valley Education Partnership.</li> <li>• <b>Media 4 Schools</b> - Enham will go ahead if they receive Lottery Funding.</li> <li>• <b>Andover Adult and Family Learning Centre</b> - CG distributed the new promotional material.</li> <li>• <b>DIUS Consultation on Adult and Community Learning</b> - JL responded on behalf of the group.</li> </ul>

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## **4. Update from sub groups (JL)**

### **4.1 Adult and Community Learning**

BJ reminded the group on the County Council's review of its ACL function at the same time as

- i) the 2 year NIACE Review of Adult Learning
- ii) the Government (DIUS) short term review on which the Secretary of State, John Denham, has already made an initial pronouncement.

BJ referred to the draft paper "Development of Adult and Family Learning in the Test Valley" and the outcome of the sub group's discussion this morning.

If it is to survive ACL needs strong leadership. HCC's response is that it will create a strategic group to provide the new direction and to align the budgets of various partner agencies (PCT, HCC, LSC etc). The strategy will promote a partnership of providers.

Based on the good work in Test Valley, which has resulted in an increase in learner numbers HCC want to pilot a local model of strategic leadership combined with area working groups based on district boundaries.

HCC have discussed this two pronged approach with Government ministers. Ministers were sceptical saying that if partnerships were to be more than talking shops they need to be strong, with transparent budgets demonstrating value for money. Any future arrangement needs to achieve a step change in learner numbers.

CG added that this approach would require the ACL sub group to become more operational and therefore revisit its membership and Terms of Reference. An improvement in partnership working is needed at both ends and across the valley, including curriculum, access and progress routes and developmental work.

### **4.2 14-19 Consortia (WM)**

Andover and District Consortia (including Castledown School) will start delivering two Diplomas from next year (Creative and Media and Environment and Land-based) with 3 more to follow.

Collaborative governance arrangements are now being prepared because the Consortium needs to employ people. A committee will be set up to discharge a

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joint responsibility to employ staff from Summer 2009.

60 students have enrolled on Eastleigh Consortium's Construction Diploma.

The Andover Consortium is keen to make progress linked with IT and Creative/Media businesses. DAG informed the group that an inaugural networking event for Test Valley's creative community will take place at The Lights, Andover on 29 October 2008 from 7.00pm

See [www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=6488](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=6488)  
[www.port.ac.uk/research/cibas](http://www.port.ac.uk/research/cibas)

#### 4.3 Education Inclusion Partnership (includes Andover's new Education Centre)

The aim is to have no permanent exclusions from Andover schools and to cut the number of pupils who are NEET. Work based at the new, fully equipped Education Centre includes outreach, short term courses for those at risk and short term respite etc.

#### 4.4 Andover and Northern Test Valley Education Partnership

The Partnership includes all primary and secondary schools in the "Andover area" – as far as Stockbridge. It will be up to schools to opt in and contribute accordingly. It will provide certain elements of support eg. one major conference per year, CPD (practical skills). Its remit is to share expertise and progression but is wider than just the schools.

The Andover Vision work should be broadened to cover the area Andover serves eg. adjacent schools which educate Andover pupils. See item 3 above re. Rights Respects and Responsibilities Conference on 17 October 2008. The Partnership should cover the age range 0-19 and therefore include Childrens' Centres. An interim executive group has been asked to produce a vision statement.

#### 5. Test Valley Community Plan - Joint Areas of Focus (JAF) (James Moody)

James introduced himself as the Council's new Test Valley Partnership Manager. He outlined challenges facing the Partnership including the need to provide a more focussed approach and to identify short and medium term objectives. Such priorities need to be capable of measurement and to show how partnership working is making a difference.

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James explained the proposed new Joint Areas of Focus and the basis for identifying these new priorities:

- there had to be an obvious Test Valley connection
- they had to be based on information and evidence
- they must require a partnership approach (and could cross several of the main themes in the Community Plan for example promote healthy eating in schools, diversionary recreational activities)
- ideally suggest a link with Hampshire Local Area Agreement
- allow progress to be measured.

It is intended that the TVP Board signs-off the JAFs in January 2009. Examples of JAFs which relate to Education and Learning include:

- raising educational attainment in targeted areas
- breaking down barriers to Adult Learning
- bringing business and education providers closer together.

JL reported that a £25,000 grant was available for schools undergoing Specialist School Status re-designation for employer engagement. The grant required to be matched £10,000 in income, £15,000 in kind.

A discussion ensued about the need for attainment across the valley, ideally measured by Contextual Value Added (as well as 5+ GCSEs at A-C etc).

In discussion the point was made that the TVP Board needs to acknowledge fully all of the very productive partnership activity already taking place.

## 6. Election of Chair

JL reported that she would like to stand down as chair and to give others an opportunity to steer the direction of the group and the Partnership. Jan invited offers for both the chair and vice chair. The role involved about 4 group meetings p.a. and fewer meetings of the TVP Board. The role is not onerous, especially if shared between chair and vice chair because it was heavily supported by DG as co-ordinator.

**Agreed:** Anyone interested to contact JL/DG and to report back to the December meeting.

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DG reported that initial discussions were underway with all of Andover's junior schools to hold a second Andover Junior Graduation event at The Lights in July 2009.</li><li>• JL referred to a course Training for Work and Communities which underpins NVQ 2 Community Work Skills and which will be held at Test Valley (Romsey CS funding) and Basingstoke (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council funding) from 12 November 2008. The course will run for one day a month to March 2009 and be assessed in the workplace. There are 18 places at each venue and the course costs £160.</li><li>• WM reported that Extended Schools funding is being made available for Parent Support Assistants at the 3 Andover secondary schools and Test Valley School. This is a 2 year appointment but bids have to be in by Friday 24 October 2008 – an unreasonably short timescale. JL added that this will mean there will be 35 PSAs in Hampshire now and a further 42 by April 2009. Clearly this is ring-fenced Government money but it is being imposed with little consultation or what schools really need and would not seem to represent best value for money.</li></ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2008 at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge  10am-12pm - Adult & Community Learning Group  12-2pm - Test Valley Partnership Education and Learning Group (lunch provided)