

HOUSING CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 111
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: *Learning Disability Partnership Board
– Annual Report*

Date of Meeting: *11th March 2009*

Report of: *Director of Adult Social Care & Housing*

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Key Decision: No

Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The government white paper "[Valuing People, a New Strategy For The 21st Century](#) (DoH 2001)" told all local authorities to set up learning disability partnership boards. It is the Partnership Board's role to oversee and help the planning and development of services that really help local people with learning disabilities. The Partnership Board is a local "champion" for people with learning disabilities.
- 1.2 The Joint Commissioning Board and the Cabinet Member for Housing agreed to receive a formal report of the work of the Learning Disability Partnership Board. This is to ensure that the Partnership Board is properly accountable to governance arrangements that are embodied through the Joint Commissioning Board for the City Council and Primary Care Trust and through the cabinet system for the city council.
- 1.3 It was originally envisioned that the Partnership Board would submit reports twice per year. However, the Partnership Board recently decided to request an annual reporting structure, which will eventually be matched to the financial year cycle.
- 1.4 ['Valuing People Now' \(DoH 2009\)](#) requires that all Learning Disability Partnership Boards produce an Annual Report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Housing note the report and endorse the work of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member for Housing agree to receive annual, rather than six-monthly, reports from the Partnership Board

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The requirement to produce a report on the work of the Brighton and Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board was in part a response to the Cornwall (2006) and the Sutton & Merton (2007) Investigation Reports in to abuse of people with learning disabilities in NHS provision for people with learning disabilities in these two Trusts.
- 3.2 The Partnership Board receives a report every 6 months on the Safeguarding work undertaken by the Brighton & Hove Community Learning Disability Team. This report advises the Partnership Board on numbers and levels of alert and types of abuse and action taken. This gives the Partnership Board an overview of how we are keeping people with learning disabilities safe. This information is also contained within the Safeguarding Annual Report produced by Adult Social Care.
- 3.3 The Joint Commissioning Board received a report from the Learning Disability Partnership Board on 10th December 2007.
- 3.4 In 2008 the Partnership Board agreed that annual reports are a more efficient use of resources than six-monthly reports.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The members of the Learning Disability Partnership Board have approved the attached annual report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board determines the allocation of the Learning Disabilities Development Fund (LDDF) originally funded by the Department of Health and now part of the Area Based Grant. The Appendix describes the projects funded in 2007/08 totalling £288,320 against the LDDF allocation of £238,000 and balance brought forward from the previous year. The LDDF funding allocation is £231,000 in 2008/09, which has been allocated to specific projects, as described in the Appendix, contributing to the Valuing People Now objectives. The LDDF allocation for 2009/10 will be £232,000 subject to confirmation of the Council's budget. .

*Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley
2009*

Date: 9th February

5.2 Legal Implications:

The report sets out how the local authority is complying with the government requirement to set up a Learning Disability Partnership Board and produce an Annual Report.

The report itself demonstrates how in particular the Board will ensure that the voice of service users is heard and taken into account in planning and developing future service provision for people with learning disabilities.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Priestley

Date: 13/2/09

5.3 Equalities Implications:

The work of the Partnership Board and sub groups is intended to improve opportunities and choices for people with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove. Individual projects come under the Equalities policies of the providing organisations. All Partnership Board work follows the Valuing People principles of promoting Rights, Inclusion, choice and Independence, for people with learning disabilities.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

Service improvements are in accordance with sustainability objectives

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The work of the Partnership Board encourages people with learning disabilities to participate as full citizens in their community. This work is also intended to influence all citizens of Brighton & Hove to improve the welcome and support for people with learning and other disabilities.

5.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

The Partnership Board aims to maximise the use of all resources and opportunities. Specific risks and opportunities are addressed within the remit of each project or piece of work.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

The work of the Partnership Board encourages people with learning disabilities to participate as full citizens in their community.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 No suitable alternative options are available. [‘Valuing People Now’ \(DoH 2009\)](#) requires that all Learning Disability Partnership Boards produce an Annual Report. The Joint Commissioning Board and the Cabinet Member Meeting for Housing are the most appropriate venues for the Partnership Board’s Annual Report.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To follow the recommendations of [‘Valuing People Now’ \(DoH 2009\)](#) and ensure that the Partnership Board is properly accountable to governance arrangements that are embodied through the Joint Commissioning Board for the City Council and Primary Care Trust and through the cabinet system for the city council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Annual report of the Learning Disability Partnership Board 2008
2. Easier to read version of the Annual Report

Documents In Members’ Rooms

None

Background Documents

1. Valuing People White Paper 2001 & Valuing People Now 2009.
2. Joint Investigation into the provision of services for people with learning disabilities at Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust, July 2006, Healthcare Commission and Commission for Social Care Inspection
3. Joint Investigation into the provision of services for people with learning disabilities at Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust, January 2007, Healthcare Commission and Commission for Social Care Inspection.