



A Place to Live

Minutes

Date: 1st May 2009

Time: 10-12pm

Venue: Room 1, 2nd Floor Bartholomew House

Present: Mark Hendriks, Aideen Jones, Steve Hook, Natalya Garzon, Stephen Wraige, Sarah Crowe (notes)

Apologies: Diana Bernhardt, Andy Staniford, Lou Aish

1. Welcome and Introductions

Stephen Wraige introduced himself as Housing Options Manager. Stephen to email Sarah dates of the meetings he attends to see if some meeting dates can be changed to allow his participation.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

- 2.1 Agreed to carry forward action in relation to Mark finding out details on the HomeBuy scheme.
- 2.2 Updates on Partnership Board, Work Plan, Making It Happen group are on the agenda.
- 2.3 Housing Options and booklet to be discussed today.
- 2.4 Aideen & Mark provided information on printing costs. All agreed would like booklet to be in full colour with similar format to the LD Commissioning Strategy and approx 500 copies.

3. Update from Partnership Board

- 3.1 No meeting of the Partnership Board since last meeting

4. Update from Making It Happen Group

- 4.1 Mark summarised this new group, which would link up the work of sub-groups and other areas and would look to resolve problems.
- 4.2 Last meeting ratified the terms of reference. Group linking to implement the strategy as well as Valuing People now.
- 4.3 Karen Kingsland is to co ordinate a work plan for this group which will feed into the work plan of the Making It Happen Group. Information to be added to the Partnership Board website as and when.
- 4.4 The membership of the Partnership Board will also be reviewed in the future.
- 4.5 SH advised that he presented Valuing People Now at DMT and Joy Hollister as the chair of Valuing People Now locally would like the Making It Happen work plan to be taken to TMT so that this can be agreed throughout the city in all areas. All agreed this was positive.

5. Housing Options Update/Housing Booklet

5.1 Mark asked for more clarity in the beginning of the guide to say it is a local guide for Brighton and Hove, also to include A Place to live logos and other relevant logos. Aideen also mentioned the need to include Housing in the title first. Mark asked for confirmation to be given that this a guide for people who are looking for options for the first time or are looking to move on. Also to include useful people to speak to if they wish to move on and how this can be done. Include where you can get support from that is not linked to housing.

5.2 Andy Staniford gave some comments suggesting a colour coding system to indicate different sections for different people to go straight to areas specific for them. Discussed in the meeting and that we didn't want people to feel pigeon holed and agreed the structure was fine as it is at the moment.

5.3 Steve and Aideen discussed the use of wording in the booklet. Decided that a glossary would be beneficial, also to reference other useful websites (i.e. Care Quality Commission, Care Finder) and other resources. SH to email NG eligibility leaflet already used.

5.4 All Access point references to be removed and replaced with the Community Learning Disability Team contact details.

5.5 In relation to Supported Living, some services are not available for 24 hours so maybe change wording to up to 24 hours a day. Confirm in the document that you are able to have support related to what you require.

5.6 A brief description of different types of tenancy to be included.

5.7 Use of adult version of foster care to be kept and included in relation to shared lives, however some wording to be changed around the support of the family.

5.8 Aideen asked that in the booklet details of who owns the other part of the house to be included in details about shared ownership. Inclusion of information around benefits available but also to include disadvantages around working. NG to that SO is good for people whose circumstances will not be changing Aideen to find out if a brochure could be linked up to this from Southdown.

5.9 Reference to Carr Gomm to be removed.

5.10 Details of repairs to be left. However Natalya to check with Homemove in relation to bidding.

5.11 Details of the private sector leasing to be advertised in booklet. Also to include rules of tenancy for potential tenants.

5.12 Day Centres not to be included. In the contacts section a brief description with each contact number.

5.13 Sheltered housing allocations was discussed. Mark to gain an update from Older Peoples services from Kate Dale. Natalya will also contact Sheltered Housing officer in Homemove.

5.14 All agreed booklet is very good and agreed for another session to discuss this in a future meeting. Also for Lucy Westcott to be involved in publishing.

6. LDDF funding

6.1 Already discussed – to be used for printing costs

7. AOB – Date of next Meeting

7.1 Mark and Steve discussed the upcoming scrutiny committee and the presentations being done by the sub groups. Natalya to send Mark pack for the event.

7.2 Stephen mentioned the work being completed by Natalya for the group and that his line manager had discussed this at cabinet and that this is very good work.

Next meetings:

9th June - 10-11- Room 1 Barts House

14th Aug - 10-12 - Room 1 Barts House

9th October - 10-12 Room 1 Barts House

11th Dec 10-12 Room 1 Barts House