



A Place to Live **Minutes**

Date: 15th July 2011

Time: 9.30-11.30

Venue: G39 Kings House

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Mark Hendriks (LD Commissioning, B&HCC, chair); Chris Bland (Director, Grace Eyre); Narinder Sundar (Housing Commissioning, B&HCC); Natalya Garzon (Housing Options, B&HCC); Lou Aish (Service Improvement Manager, B&HCC); Diana Bernhardt (Lead LD Commissioner, B&HCC)

Apologies: Aideen Jones (CEO, Southdown); Stephen Wraige (Service Manager, B&HCC)

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

- Minutes agreed from May meeting. NS to take forward work on review of allocations policy & how LD will be represented
- CB initiated a discussion around the need for a consistent, accredited learning framework for independent living skills that could be delivered through mainstream services and adult education providers.
- Links to existing organisations/projects included; Taking Part in the City sub-group; St Johns, Downsview Link College, City College, Day Services, Brighton Action on Homelessness and the facilities at Palace Place.
- There may be an opportunity to put in an LDDF bid to support an action plan around this, this year.

Action: this will be the substantive agenda item for next meeting, including suggesting how we link with key partners to deliver this.

3. Update from Partnership Board
 - Restructured meetings to start Monday 18th July, to include a less formal space for initial discussions and issues to be raised by people with LD and carers, followed by a more detailed 'business' meeting
 - Winterbourne View scandal to be discussed
4. Update from Making It Happen Group
 - LDPB review & LDPB annual report being completed
 - Actions from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment being actioned/allocated
5. LD accommodation and support plan
 - DB gave a presentation on the new plan – this will be emailed separately
 - Some discussion about the increasing pressures on affordable housing and issues around tenancy maintenance in the private and social housing sector. NG highlighted the need to ensure proper support was available to support independent living
 - Discussion around the tensions between the need for strategic commissioning plans and giving choice through individual budgets. Choice requires service vacancies, which have a cost
6. Housing Options project
 - Brief discussion regarding this LDDF funded project to help up to 5 people with challenging needs find housing solutions, supported by Housing Options (national)
 - MH to include John Maguire (Acquisitions) & Verity Walker (Homemove) in project
7. Learning from SAILs in East Sussex
 - Agenda item not covered, but MH and Grace Eyre are meeting next week re: a possible 'kinship' service
8. Future objectives of the group and membership
 - Carried forward to next meeting
9. Feedback and links to LDPB
 - Carried forward
10. LDDF funding
 - Housing Options project agreed – see point 6