



A Place to Live

Minutes

Date: 5th November 2010

Time: 2pm

Venue: Room 1, 2nd Floor Bartholomew House

Present: Daniel Parsonage (chair) – B&HCC Commissioning
Aideen Jones – Southdown
Chris Bland – Grace Eyre Foundation
Sue Garner-Ford – B&HCC Housing Strategy
Stephen Wraige – B&HCC Housing Options
Natalya Garzon – B&HCC LD Housing Options
Steven Hird – Revenue & Benefits

Apologies: Mark Hendriks
Cameron Brown

1. Welcome and Introductions

DP explained that he would be chairing this group whilst MH is completing a project over the next six months.

2. Minutes & Mattering Arising

There were no mattering arising from the previous minutes.

3. Housing Benefit

SH presented an outline of the impacts of the HB and welfare benefits changes. (appendix attached).

Concerns were raised that this could impact on long term commissioning plan particularly in relation to leasing arrangements.

4. Supporting People Commissioning Strategy

DP Led through the group through the new Commissioning Strategy which is going to Housing Cabinet in December.

The group was generally in approval and asked to be fully involved in implementation.

Further concerns were raised about the impact of the HB cuts on this strategy and encouraging service users to move on to the private rented sector in light of this.

5. Update from Partnership Board

There was no update

6. Update from Making it Happen

There was no update

7. LDDF Funding

There was a discussion a number of options for spending this money including:

- Help with moving costs for people having a tenancy for the first time
- Legal advice on deregistration
- MACS outreach for LD services

8. AOB – Date of next Meeting – TBC