



TAKING PART IN THE CITY GROUP

Monday 17th August 2009
Grace Eyre, 36 Montefiore Road, Hove, BN3 3EP
2.30-4.30 pm

NOTES

Present

Eva Jarvis (notes), Linda Hill, Nahida Shaikh, Jan Sutherland, Mandy Binks

1. Sorry Couldn't Make It

We had apologies from Paul Crowther, Julia Roberts, Hayley Gue (going on sabbatical leave for 6 months) and Neil Holmes.

2. Notes and actions from last meeting (8/6/09)

The notes were agreed and the following actions were still to happen:

- Eva to email out the work plans and the terms of reference for Making It Happen Group and the PCA report.

3. Feedback from Partnership Board meeting (20/7/2009)

Eva fed back the main discussions from the Partnership Board meeting. They were:

- St. Gabriel's development – this proposal was voted on and was agreed by the Partnership Board.
- Carer's feedback – The Carers representatives have been holding lunch time sessions to get feedback from carers about their priorities and views. A report was presented to the meeting. For full details see www.brightpart.org website.
- Link Group feedback – There was follow up from the complaint from services users in residential care homes.

- Communication Group – This group will now be called ‘Total Communication’ and will be an open group that anyone can attend. Their purpose is to promote accessible communications and give advice on best practice. Their next meeting will take place on 30th September. Please speak to Karen Kingsland for further information.
- Autism Information Day – This was held on 31st July and was an information session about the Autistic Spectrum Consultation that the Department of Health is conducting. The closing date for comments is 15th September 2009. See www.brightpart.org for further information.
- LDDF allocation 2010/11 – The voting took place at the last Partnership Board meeting – Not sure how much this sub group will get as we are still waiting for the final allocation to be announced.
- Mansell Report – A report was given about the latest Mansell Report. For further information go to www.brightpart.org
- Annual Report – the annual report was presented. For further information go to www.brightpart.org
- Information Session – Hate Crime – Following the Partnership Board meeting an information session was held regarding the Hate Crime campaign. Nahida led the session which was attended by 20-25 people. The feedback was very useful and will help the campaign in their work.

1. Work Plan for Taking Part In The City working group

The draft work plan was discussed in detail with some suggestions for amendments. The following areas were covered:

- Changes to day services – shifting resources to employment
- Brighton & Hove In-house day services – modernisation changes
- Together network – building partnerships that will lead to more jobs.
- Dating agency
- Networking opportunities for social activities
- Sports and physical activities
- Accessing mainstream leisure services.
- Promoting independent travel
- Hate Crime campaign

Action: Eva will email out the work plan so that individuals responsible for certain areas can amend their bits. The aim is to keep it short.

2. Steering Groups for Hate Crime, Travel Buddy, Together Network, Special Olympics & Changing Places

Reports were presented by:

Hate Crime Campaign – Nahida presented the Strategy and Action Plan which is part of the Brighton & Hove Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs

Strategy for 2008 – 2011. Copies were also given out for the LDDF Project Report. The next step is to set up the Steering Group and to produce the accessible information. See www.brightpart.org for full reports.

Travel Buddy Project – A report was given out as to the progress of the project. After securing further funding, two out of three project workers have now started in post. They are busy writing up their milestones and recruiting more travel buddies etc. See www.brightpart.org for full report.

Together Network – Neil was not at the meeting but the launch event on 29th September was discussed. Further report at the next meeting.

Special Olympics Sports Club – A verbal report was given as to their success at the national games in Leicester 25th – 31st July 2009. They won 8 golds, 11 silvers and 4 bronzes. A public Parade and the Mayor held a reception for the athletes last Friday to celebrate their successes. A meeting is being held in September to look at bidding opportunities for the sports club and other physical activities as well as promoting healthier lifestyles for people with learning disabilities.

Changing Places – no report

6. Any Other Business

- There is a BME Elder day on 19th November 2009 at Hove Town Hall.
- City Sports and Physical Activities Awards – to try and make the nomination papers more accessible and will circulate.
- City Sports Forum is being held on 16th September – a presentation from Special Olympics will be given.
- Choices event (B & H in-house day services showcasing what choices people have across Brighton & Hove) being held on 9th September 2009 at Hove Town Hall

7. Dates for meetings (all at 2.30 – 4.30pm)

12 th October 2009	-	Brighton Town Hall
14 th December 2009	-	Care Co-Ops
8 th February 2010	-	Grace Eyre
12 th April 2010	-	Brighton Town Hall
14 th June 2010	-	Care Co-Ops
9 th August 2010	-	Grace Eyre