



	<p>services to embrace life skills in progression to jobs. Concern over lack of capacity to put ideas into practice. DB raised diverting funds to this area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work within day services - Review of work groups within Local authority day services discussed [ paper circulated] . Clients not necessarily aware that they are taking part in 'work' and progression to paid work is not identified as a goal</li> <li>- Voluntary Work - SA said there is potential for progress to full/part time voluntary or possibly paid work. SA working closely with MO. Voluntary</li> <li>- Discussion took place re resources, how scheme may develop etc. starting schemes in external providers, development of social enterprises. MP raised training of people towards the idea of work not being 'chosen' or for 'fun'. Further discussion took place.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Perf NII46</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work still ongoing. Work was completed over a six month period collecting the number of people with learning disabilities known to social services in paid work. About 80 of 711 people known to social services are in employment. Most of those people are supported by SET and reviewed six monthly. The performance indicator calculation assumes that clients are reviewed annually and therefore doubles the number given. The published statistic is therefore misleading at 120/711. The council will also be expected to improve on that performance for 2009/10.</li> <li>- The majority of those supported are working less than 16 hours. The expectation should be that increasing numbers of people are working more than 16 hours and coming off of benefits. This will represent a significant shift for many carers and people with learning disabilities.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Learning Disabilities Together Network (LDTN)</b> Care co-ops and Impetus have received funding to create the LDTN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NH explained the Routeway Service. 3 workers, 1 appointed interviewing for the rest. Opportunities to feed through to into LDTN are being explored. Good opportunity for sharing skills, knowledge and funding</li> </ul>	

	<p>opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CB raised issue re employers overload from different groups. MP explained role of 'Engage' in co-ordinating approach to employers to avoid this. Discussion took place. MP suggested sharing info between group members of employers approached.</li> <li>- NH briefly raised June 19 'Brokerage' event and left flyer.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Specialist Disability Employment Programme – DWP Employment contracts</b></p> <p>Formerly known as IDEAS. MP explained this is a large Department of Work &amp; Pensions contract to replace its current specialist disability employment programmes called Workstep and Work Preparation from October 2010. The focus is on jobs of more than 16 hours a week and people with learning disabilities are a specific target group. Representatives from Kent, Surrey, West Sussex and Brighton &amp; Hove are looking at the possibility of putting together a joint bid for the contract worth £25 million over 5 years. PQQ needs to be submitted. MP to keep group up to date.</p>	Maureen
5.	<p><b>Action for inclusion – Learning &amp; Skills Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further education based focus re numbers of people with Learning Disabilities involved in adult learning/training who are not progressing with their learning, or finding routeways into work. The local lead is based at Hastings College with a local link to Working Links. MP is trying to clarify remit of project.</li> <li>- CB raised lack of progression and attainment details when young people move on from colleges and schools to Adult services. MP to attend the Transition Forum to explore developing links with this area.</li> </ul>	Maureen
6.	<p><b>Update from members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MS explained work done with City College in supporting the ALDD funded one year work preparation course. SET will be involved in the progression planning meetings for students finishing the course.</li> <li>- SA confirmed that there has been a change of funding for the Voluntary Work Project and that she is working 18.5 hours per week. 2/3 new people have got voluntary jobs in last month. SA raised the challenges she faces. MP asked about the possibility of setting up training sessions for possible volunteers to act as</li> </ul>	

	<p>support workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JS explained that there are many changes in her area as a re-structuring of Local Authority Day Services takes place. The focus is now on identifying people in day centres who would benefit from individualised benefits. Work is ongoing in changing attitudes to day services in becoming progression focused. The challenge for the service overall is to change whilst still maintaining a good level of service.</li> <li>- CB – travel buddy scheme is working well but re-advertising for a co-ordinator has proved costly. MP suggested ads in Engage and Skip websites.</li> <li>- Café worker now started – from a catering background combined with youth work.</li> <li>- DB no further update.</li> <li>- MP handed out booklet ‘<i>The Really Useful Book of Earning and Learning.</i>’</li> <li>- Make-it-happen Group – MP explained role of this group – chairs of all sub groups meeting each month. Work-plan to be sent out.</li> <li>- MP sent an email re Adult Learning Group. MP briefly explained that this may be a way to increase awareness and access for people with a learning disability in the wider opportunities of Adult Learning – in community based courses and main stream as well as specialist provision.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MP advised the group that on 20 July 2009 in the afternoon that there will be an opportunity to stage workshops/stands for people with Learning Disabilities as part of the Partnership meeting to sign up for training/volunteering. MP advised that we need to have a plan by the end of May – she will circulate ideas for the group to consider. Offers of suitable venues please.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Next meeting 14 July at 10-12 am  <b>Venue:</b> Care Co-ops</p>	