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Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford Community Legal Advice Service Partnership Board held on 11 July 2007 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1930

PRESENT

Members of the Board

Lynette Kirk	Manningham Project	Voluntary Sector
Zahida Mallard	Voting Co-opted Member	Bradford Council
Councillor Howard Middleton	Liberal Democrat Group	Bradford Council
Dave Preston	Community Funding Unit	Bradford Council
George Scully	Bradford & Airedale PCT	Health Sector

Also present

Janine Berry	Illegal Money Lending Project	
Tony Quigley	Illegal Money Lending Project	
Julie Robinson-Joyce	Community Funding Unit	Bradford Council
Andy Taylor	Bradford CAB	Voluntary Sector

150. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Sandra Grice, Councillor Imran Hussain, Councillor Adrian Naylor, Liz Reveley and Sue Williscroft.

151. LOAN SHARK PROJECT

A presentation was given by Tony Quigley from the Illegal Money Lending Project (see separate paper).

For project to progress in Bradford authorisations need to be obtained. Bradford Councils Legal department are involved in this. Once authorisations are obtained the project will be launched in Bradford.

Dave Preston made the offer of help with distributing information using existing infrastructure in place in Bradford.

The Illegal Money Lending Project are working in schools in Leeds in conjunction with West Yorkshire Trading Standards.

Dave Preston will follow up with Jo Miller regarding the issue of authorisations.

ACTION: Dave



152. **MINUTES**

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2007 be accepted as a correct record after the last three lines of point 143 has been deleted.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2007 be accepted as a correct record.

153. **MATTERS ARISING**

Julie did send copies of financial Inclusion strategy to Jo Miller. No reply has been received as yet.

Liz to follow up on arranging a trip to advice centres for councillors.

154. **COMMISSIONING**

Julie presented an options paper for discussion (see separate paper) outlining different options for the allocation of £15,000 of funding within the areas of either work with Eastern European communities or those with hearing impairment.

George stressed the importance of the two priorities, which are both for work within communities who have difficulties accessing services currently.

Andy explained that they are hoping to do some work at Centre for Sensory Impairment at Morley Street.

Lynette queried the relative size of the two communities.

It was agreed that the priority was working within the Eastern European communities. Cllr Middleton felt this was an appropriate short-term response and could be reviewed in the future.

Zahida suggested that one worker could be employed and work across more than 1 organisation.

Andy felt that using interpreters would be a useful way to make links to this community and should be linked to training.

Option 1 was the preferred option. It was felt necessary to co-ordinate this across centres with agencies running sessions on different days with different languages spoken.

Andy queried when contracts would be put in place. Dave responded that once the representations process was concluded contracts would be finalised.

ACTION: Julie

155. **REVIEW OF STRATEGY**

Deferred to September meeting.

156. **CLASP ADVISORY SUB GROUP**

Work with Eastern European communities & profile raising are progressing. Community Care issues will be picked back up in Autumn. Zahida suggested that it may be possible to link independent visitors (residential care) into community care work including increasing volume of referrals. Out of hours work has not yet progressed. Children Centres – work now focussed with Children's & Young Peoples Partnership ECM

Number of actions to be progressed once commissioning is concluded and all contracts in place.

Group needs additional members. To be raised at the next meeting.

Idea was suggested that the sub group could be a working group and open to others outside of the CLASP board.

157. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

PCT funding for advice centres is in place until end of March 2008 with the exception Keighley CAB where it has only been extended until December 2007. George is continuing to follow up on this.

Affordable warmth – work is progressing. Consideration is being given to including work on income maximisation as part of the project. This may involve putting an additional funding bid.

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Board.

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