

Officer Report to meeting of Bradford CLASP held on 19th March 2008

Financial Inclusion Group

Funding from Friends Provident has been located for Financial Inclusion work “that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK...contributing to one (or more) of the following themes: Information, innovation, infrastructure or influence.”

The Financial Inclusion group is working with the Economic Development Unit of Regeneration on putting a bid in.

Posters for the Illegal Money Lending Project have been distributed to advice centres and community centres. Now have extra stocks if anyone would like more.

Need a representative from the CLASP board on the group as no one is currently attending.

Social Policy

Simon Callaghan, Council Benefits and Paul Bland, Revenues who want to work on the theme of Financial Inclusion more pro-actively have approached us. Discussed issue of bankruptcies with them. (Appears Leeds have not used bankruptcy proceedings for recovering debts for 10 years). Area of work to be followed up in the future.

Children & Young People’s Partnership, Economic Well-being subgroup

Concerns have been raised within the group of cuts in funding in advice services in children’s centres and the group has called a meeting on the 14th April to look at this.

CLASP directory

We have sent reminders to solicitors and groups who haven’t responded. Still awaiting a significant number of responses.