

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

www.bradford.gov.uk

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford Community Legal Advice Service Partnership Board held on 7 June 2007 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1900

PRESENT

Members of the Board

Fiona Hedar	Bradford Law Society	Private Sector
Councillor Howard Middleton	Liberal Democrat Group	Bradford Council
Dave Preston	Community Funding Unit	Bradford Council
George Scully	Bradford & Airedale PCT	Health Sector

Also present

Julie Robinson-Joyce	Community Funding Unit	Bradford Council
----------------------	------------------------	------------------

148. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr. Imran Hussain.

149. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF ADVICE SERVICES FROM THE VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY SECTOR FROM JULY 2007 TO MARCH 2009

The report entitled: Recommendations for the Commissioning of Advice Services from the Voluntary/Community Sector from July 2007 to March 2009 was tabled. This follows from the previous report outlining principles for commissioning tabled on the 17th January.

Dave Preston introduced the report and outlined the commissioning process and the recommendations, which were included in it.

Fiona Hedar asked whether it had been possible to commission services in response to the need amongst Eastern European communities raised at the previous CLASP meeting. Dave Preston responded that a small amount of funding had been set aside for work within communities of interest. Which community of interest this funding was targeted at to be discussed at a future CLASP meeting.



Fiona raised the issue of the impact to possible future changes to LSC funding. Julie explained that commissioning had taken place on the assumption that contracts would remain the same as we had no further information from the LSC.

Improvements that individual groups have made were acknowledged. Where outreach sessions have been successful these have been continued. Where they have been less successful funding has been re-allocated.

Funding by other organisation such as the Lottery has ended, in particular appeals workers at South Bradford Community Network and the Manningham Project. It has not been possible to replace this funding.

In areas which were ranked very highly on the needs analysis, after it had been adjusted for supply, funding for outreach has been allocated.

The report entitled "Recommendations for the commissioning of advice services from the voluntary/community sector from July 2007 to March 2009 was approved with some amendments and officers asked to proceed with contacting groups to discuss new MoA's.

Chair

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

i:\minutes\clasp7June

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER