

**Housing sub group
Platt Bridge Community Zone
1st April 2009**



Present: Carol Ormshaw, Jim Barton, Steve Sargent (chair), Lesley Teasdale, Paula Daley, Alison Perry, Julie McGregor

Apologies: Stella Houghton, Ruth Newsham

Minutes of last meeting/matters arising:

HOLD- policy agreed by LDPB. Further HOLD money can be bid for by Adactus, we are due to meet them in mid April, we particularly need to resolve issues re leases. Great Places also have HOLD money but are less flexible about the kind of property, so we need to work with them on what requirements people we support have.

LDPB- The meeting with a Housing theme is Nov 17th.

Membership of the group – we should have some representation from Children and Young Peoples services. Paula has emailed Elaine Baulcombe who chairs the transition commissioning strategy group and will follow this up.

Stella – stella is due to retire in may, some functions of her role will be incorporated into Financial Assessment Team, Steve and Paula have got a meeting on May 8th with Bridget and Social Work Team Leaders, re housing development function and any extension of the role beyond LD.

Enquiries – we get some requests from Physical Disability SW team. With limited resources we need to signpost some of these to other places, e.g carers forum. Paula and Lesley will keep contact details when we receive enquires so that we can demonstrate need for our service and outcomes.

Agenda

Shared Ownership DVD by Ask Vera – agreed we will contribute £2,000 towards this. Paula will ask Great Places and Adactus if they can contribute and contact Ask Vera re how they propose to get started.

LD Housing Strategy: action plan –

Review of the action plan, what have we achieved so far:

- Housing Advice Drop In sessions have been advertised, they are specific to LD but other advice providers might be able to also attend. Locations of the drop in will vary to cover the whole borough. While we have been writing the strategy there has been a lot of work going on. This should be included in the launch of the strategy, to show that work is ongoing.
- LDHS launch- if possible use one of the date already set, either the sub group or drop in sessions, for example June 12th or July 7th. Possible venues Pavilion at St peters, Hindley or Ince Community Centre.

While we are getting the strategy printed it would also make sense to have the housing information leaflets printed, they can be launched with the strategy. Jen Martlew has already done some, Paula to check if we can use the same info.

- Out of Borough placements – do adult services have a strategy for resettlement of people from out of borough? Is there some learning in relation to housing from recent resettlement>
- Format of action plan needs amending to include column to track changes.

AOB

Employment Support Allowance is a new benefit, does it replace Income Support and how does it affect Interest only mortgages??

Future meetings 2009

Housing Sub groups

12 June
5th Aug
9th Oct
11th Dec

Housing Info and Advice sessions

21st May
7th July
14th Sept