

**Housing sub group  
Platt Bridge Community Zone  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2009**



**Present:** Carol Ormshaw, Jim Barton, Ruth Newsham, Steve Sargent (chair), Lesley Teasdale, Paula Daley

**Apologies:** Jayne Knight, Stella Houghton,

**NOTE:** THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WAS ARRANGED FOR MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, USUAL TIME 1-3PM AT PLATT BRIDGE.

**Minutes of last meeting/matters arising:**

Went through the minutes to clarify some words and abbreviations. Minutes in future will be written in plain English.

LDDF- correction, LDDf doesn't actually end in 2011 but it gets incorporated into the Local Area Grant. We were successful in getting another 2 yrs funding 09-11 from LDDF

Milbury Voyage service development – the company had invited adult services to visit their existing services as they have acquired a piece of land in wigan. This visit has since be cancelled.

**Agenda**

1. Housing Brokerage session – Steve Harris was very good. The session showed up the difference between planning for housing and the limitation adult services work with where only people deemed substantial or critical are eligible for services. Also planning for housing won't work when people are in crisis. This can be highlighted when we present the LD housing strategy to the partnership board. This will probably be in March.
2. HOLD and HOLD policy – Adactus are bidding for six HOLD pots for each of the next 3 years. Not all will be for people with Learning Disabilities, but we also need to promote it as an option for people without 24hr support needs.  
Some minor changes to the HOLD policy, it will now need to be approved by the partnership board and council cabinet. When it's finally complete it will need to go to Physical Disability team, Great Places and Adactus too.
3. Ask Vera/ shared ownership DVD – Ask Vera have produced a project outline. There are 13 partners, total cost is £20,000. Paula to check what response Ask Vera have had to initial proposal.
4. LD Housing Strategy  
Final draft is now complete, Steve will take it to the March Partnership Board for agreement. Paula will check with Angela if there is room on the agenda.
5. LDPB themes – Housing is the theme for the November meeting.
6. Membership of the sub group – we need to extend the membership of the group. Discussed the role of local councillors and whether they can usefully play a role. We need additional representation from Connexions and a housing provider such as Adactus.

7. Future meetings – Decided to change the frequency to Bi-monthly to discuss housing strategy and to use the month in between to hold housing information sessions.

### **AOB**

Contracting framework has been completed by provider organisations. This is what used to be Approved provider list. Providers have to be approved through this framework in order for them to bid for future work. In the framework providers have been asked to provide housing as well as support. This is contrary to Valuing People and the principles of supported living. Clarification is needed from adult services if this is the case, if it is it should have been discussed with the housing sub group. This highlights the need for representation from adult services management at the housing sub group.

**Next meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 – 3pm at Platt Bridge community zone.**