

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

18th March, 2009

Report of
Cllr Johnson

Title
Report back on the work of outside bodies – Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by Elected Members on the Board.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Community Services (Cllr Heather Johnson) and Cllr Joe Clifford continue their appointment to the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board.

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board is the strategic planning body for learning disabilities services in the City, consisting of representatives from the City Council (Community Services), NHS Coventry, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust, people with learning disabilities, family carers and the voluntary sector.

3.2 The overall responsibility for the monitoring and commissioning of Learning Disability Services within Coventry lies with Coventry City Council and NHS Coventry.

3.3 The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board meets on a monthly basis.

Key areas of work and topics covered by the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board in 2008/9 have included:

- Overseeing the progress of the Coventry Learning Disabilities Strategy 2007 – 2010
- Overseeing the implementation of the Learning Disabilities Joint Commissioning Plan 2005 -2008
- Developing employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities
- Modernising day opportunities and developing social enterprise projects
- Safeguarding adults

- Supporting family carers and contributing to the updating of the multi-agency Coventry Carers Strategy
- Receiving feedback from user and carer forums
- Participating in a range of consultation processes
- Reviewing the Partnership Board including membership, involvement structures and work groups

3.4 A proposed key area of work planned for 2009-2010 is to review the Learning Disabilities Strategy to reflect the recently published Department of Health's Valuing People Now Strategy.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The City Council directly benefits from leading and having a strong presence on the Partnership Board, and in the development and monitoring/reviewing of the objectives set out in Learning Disabilities Strategy and Joint Commissioning Plan.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

5.1

Date of Board Meeting	In Attendance
28 February 2008	Cllr Clifford
27 March 2008	
24 April 2008	Cllr Clifford
29 May 2008	Cllr Johnson
26 June 2008	Cllr Johnson
31 July 2008	Cllr Johnson
25 September 2008	Cllr Johnson Cllr Clifford
30 October 2008	Cllr Johnson Cllr Clifford
27 November 2008	Cllr Johnson Cllr Clifford
30 January 2009	Cllr Johnson Cllr Clifford

5.2 There is no remuneration attached to these appointments

List of background papers

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Papers open to Public Inspection

Description of paper

Coventry Learning Disabilities Strategy 2007 -2010

Learning Disabilities Joint Commissioning Plan 2005 – 2008

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Terms of Reference

Valuing People Now: A new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities