

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 24

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Valuing People Now 2009		
Date of Meeting:	3rd September 2009		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care & Housing		
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Key Decision:	No	Forward Plan No.	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides information on the development of a local delivery plan for Valuing People Now 2009.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the draft Make it Happen Plan is noted and that Adult Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee comments be fed into the draft plan.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Valuing People Now Delivery Plan published in January 2009 sets, out the governance structures and actions that will be established to take forward the new 3 year government strategy for people with learning disabilities.
- 3.2 This cross government strategy provides an update to the previous government White Paper Valuing People 2001. The strategy found that while progress has been made across the country in improving the lives of people with learning disabilities, more needs to be done to ensure everyone is included for example people with complex needs, people from black and minority ethnic groups and newly arrived communities, people with autistic spectrum conditions, offenders in custody and in the community who have learning disabilities and family carers
- 3.3 Valuing People Now also contains the government response to the recommendations in the inquiry report 'Healthcare for All' 2008 that found that people with learning disabilities found it more difficult to access assessment and treatment, insufficient attention to making reasonable adjustment and examples of discrimination, abuse and neglect.

3.4 Valuing People Now sits within a wider strategic context including:

- Putting People First
- Carers' Strategy
- A Life Like Any Other?
- New Dementia Strategy
- The Independent Living Strategy
- Aiming High for Disabled Children
- World Class Commissioning

3.5 The guiding principles are Rights, Control, Independent Living and Inclusion.

The key priorities within the government plan are;

- To raise awareness across national and local government, private and voluntary sectors, and within wider society
- To have an effective Learning Disability Partnership Board operating within every local authority area
- To secure access to, and improvements in, healthcare, with Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts responsible for and leading on this work
- To increase the range of housing options for people with learning disabilities and their families
- To ensure the Personalisation agenda is embedded within all local authority services and developments for people with learning disabilities and their family carers, and is underpinned by person centred planning
- To increase employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities

3.6 At a local level, the draft delivery plan has been developed by the Learning Disability Partnership Board. A copy of this draft plan is attached as Appendix 1

3.7 This plan will be further developed with the revised membership of the Partnership Board. Valuing People Now is due to provide further guidance regarding Partnership Boards as part of this membership of the local board will be reviewed once this guidance is received.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation is being carried out through the Learning Disability Partnership Board. The Partnership Board includes representation of carers, service users, advocacy organisations, providers, Housing, Health, and the Children and Young People's Trust.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The Valuing People Now delivery plan together with the local plan are key elements of the commissioning strategy funded through the pooled Learning Disabilities budget of approximately £30 million. The Learning Disability Partnership Board determines the allocation of the Learning Disabilities Development Fund (LDDF) of £0.2 million in 2009/10.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 13/08/2009

5.2 Legal Implications:

The draft Plan accords with Central Government policy. Arrangements are in place for a consultation process that includes all interested and affected parties to ensure fairness. There are no other specific legal or Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien

Date: 23rd July 2009

5.3 Equalities Implications:

A full Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the development of a local plan. .

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

The provision of housing and support services is in accordance with sustainability objectives and the housing objectives aim to reduce the reliance on resource heavy residential services.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The provision of housing and support services is in accordance with the local objectives to prevent crime and disorder. Supporting people to access more independent, mainstream housing options encourages greater social inclusion and integration.

5.6 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

The draft local plan works towards the council's priorities in creating better homes for citizens and maximising value for money. It also supports national requirements to increase the amount of people in settled accommodation.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7.1 The draft local plan fits with the corporate objectives in aiming to reduce inequalities that people with learning disabilities face when accessing housing, by increasing people's choices and opportunities.

5.7.2 It also fits with directorate objectives; in aiming to develop informed choice of housing for people with learning disabilities so that housing

meets their needs, is personalised, high quality and value for money. Reducing inequality is integral to the aims of the strategy and is explicitly addressed in specific Equalities Impact objectives.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Draft local Making it Happen Plan

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

Valuing People Now: The Delivery Plan 2009.