JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD

Agenda Item 17

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Learning Disability Partnership Board

- Annual Report 2010/11

Date of Meeting: 14 November 2011

Report of: Director of Adult Social Services/Lead

Commissioner People

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Key Decision: No Forward Plan No: N/A

Ward(s) affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The government white paper "Valuing People, a New Strategy For The 21st Century (DoH 2001)" told all local authorities to set up learning disability partnership boards. It is the Partnership Board's role to oversee and help the planning and development of services that really help local people with learning disabilities. The Partnership Board is a local "champion" for people with learning disabilities.
- 1.2 <u>'Valuing People Now' (DoH 2009)</u>, the government's update to the Valuing People strategy, requires that all Learning Disability Partnership Boards produce an Annual Report.
- 1.3 The Brighton & Hove Joint Commissioning Board has agreed to receive formal reports on the work of the Learning Disability Partnership Board. This is to ensure that the Partnership Board is properly accountable to governance arrangements that are embodied through the Joint Commissioning Board for the City Council and Primary Care Trust.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Joint Commissioning Board notes the report

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.2 The Joint Commissioning Board has received annual reports from the Learning Disability Partnership Board on 10th December 2007, 9th March 2009, and 12th July 2010
- 3.3 In April 2011 Anne Williams, National Director for Learning Disabilities, wrote to all Partnership Boards with a template for the 2010/11 annual reports. In the southeast region an easier to read version of the national template was developed, and that is

the template we use in Brighton & Hove. The questions in the easy read report are the same as the national template.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The members of the Learning Disability Partnership Board contributed to the development of the attached annual report and considered this at their meeting of 18th July 2011.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations. The pooled budget for services to adults with Learning Disabilities is £34.8 million in 2011/12

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley Date: 23/09/11

Legal Implications:

5.2 The report evidences that the local authority is complying with the government guidance to set up a Learning Disability Partnership Board and produce an Annual Report. There are no specific Human Rights Act implications arising from this Report.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien Date: 23/09/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The work of the Partnership Board and sub groups is intended to improve opportunities and choices for people with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove. Individual projects come under the Equalities policies of the providing organisations. All Partnership Board work follows the Valuing People principles of promoting Rights, Inclusion, choice and Independence, for people with learning disabilities.
- 5.4 An Equalities Impact Assessment of the work of the Learning Disability Partnership Board has been carried out in 2010/11. The resulting action plan is referred to as the Partnership Board's 'Including Everyone Plan'.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 Service improvements are in accordance with sustainability objectives

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 The work of the Partnership Board encourages people with learning disabilities to participate as full citizens in their community. This work is also intended to influence all citizens of Brighton & Hove to improve the welcome and support for people with learning and other disabilities.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 The Partnership Board aims to maximise the use of all resources and opportunities. Specific risks and opportunities are addressed within the remit of each project or piece of work.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The work of the Partnership Board encourages people with learning disabilities to participate as full citizens in their community.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 No suitable alternative options are available. <u>'Valuing People Now' (DoH 2009)</u> requires that all Learning Disability Partnership Boards produce an Annual Report answering the questions provided by the national Valuing People Team. The Joint Commissioning Board is the most appropriate local venue for noting the Partnership Board's Annual Report.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To follow the recommendations of <u>'Valuing People Now' (DoH 2009)</u> and ensure that the Partnership Board is properly accountable to the local governance arrangements that are embodied through the Joint Commissioning Board for the City Council and Primary Care Trust.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Annual report of the Learning Disability Partnership Board 2010/11

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

- 1. Valuing People, a New Strategy For The 21st Century (DoH 2001)
- 2. <u>Valuing People Now</u> (DoH 2009)