

Herefordshire Council Executive response to the review of Learning Disability Services – Action Plan – October 2006 - 2007

	Recommendation	Summary of Cabinet/Cabinet Member Response	Action	By Who	By When	Target/Success criteria	Progress
a	An over-arching aim of the Directorate's service should be adopted that seeks to support individuals to live as full and independent lives as possible, based on the premise of "ordinary lives" and social inclusion.	Accepted. Tackling social exclusion is a fundamental aim of the Council and Herefordshire Partnership	This has been adopted as the fundamental principle behind the Joint Commissioning Plan for Learning Disabilities, which will be signed off by the Programme Board.	Stephanie Canham	November 2006	Commissioning Plan to demonstrate the mechanisms to rebalance from residential care to supported living alternatives, and from specialist, centre-based day services to community based opportunities.	
b	Appropriate accommodation is the key to achieving this aim. The Council and its partners should explore all opportunities for providing different options for accommodation and support.	Accepted.	This will be apparent in the Accommodation and Support section of the Commissioning Plan and in the recommendations of the Needs Analysis report. There will be specific plans to reduce the reliance on registered residential care, and increase the range of tenancies	Stephanie Canham and Lydia Bailey	December 2006	Commissioning Plan to demonstrate the mechanisms to rebalance from residential care to supported living alternatives.	

			with support and owner occupation.				
c	All the Council's existing sites providing services for people with a learning disability must be reviewed, with a view to using capital receipts for developing alternative accommodation.	Referred to Cabinet member for Resources	The Council will engage in a tendering exercise for in house residential provision as part of the modernisation work. This will form part of the Commissioning Plan. The Council's current policy is that capital receipts are managed corporately and redirected to Council priorities.	Sonia Rees	November 2006	The tendering exercise will specify which sites could be released for capital receipts or to develop accommodation.	
d	Examine the possibility of providing an extra care housing model for people with a learning disability.	Accepted	Extra care housing will be considered for people in the lower dependency bands. The approach will be two-fold: to seek ECH places within developing schemes for older people, and to examine the effectiveness of specialist ECH schemes for people with learning disabilities in Birmingham and other authorities.	Stephanie Canham and Lydia Bailey	April 2007	The Council's Housing Strategy will specify the need for ECH for people with learning disabilities.	
e	Following the needs analysis, engage partners	Accepted.	The actions for this follow those of (c)	Stephanie Canham	October 2007	Partners are selected for the	

	in the independent sector to develop the balance of community and residential services.		above. The exercise will seek partners in the third sector and private sector to work with the Council to achieve this new balance of services. This will follow the Funding and Procurement Guidelines agreed with the Alliance.	and Lydia Bailey		development of Accommodation and Support services and contract details finalised.	
f	Develop a greater understanding of the costs of individuals' care arrangements, using the In Control Model.	Accepted.	The In Control pilot project Resource Allocation System will link resources to needs for those receiving an individualised budget. The pilot project evaluation will determine the implications for commissioning future services..	Stephanie Canham and Catherine Nolan	April 2007	A transparent Resource Allocation System for individualised budgets is developed and evaluated.	
g	The Council move away from a building-based day opportunities model and work with the voluntary and independent sector to develop more opportunities for choice and inclusion. A review of the unit costs of	Accepted.	An analysis of current service configuration provides a baseline for change. The Day Opportunities Modernisation section of the Commissioning Plan will show in more detail where and how the reconfiguration of	Stephanie Canham and Laura Ferguson	February 2007	The Commissioning Plan will be developed to specify the mechanisms to modernise services in each locality.	

	providing transport across the County and a range of in-house services is required.		<p>services will occur. Examination of unit costs will be an integral part of this exercise.</p> <p>The transport consequences of these changes will be analysed as part of this exercise to ensure maximum use of public/existing forms of transport.</p>	Stephanie Canham and Laura Ferguson	March 2007	The transport implications of these plans will be included.	
h	Models of provision should be developed which maximise funding streams.	Accepted.	All sections of the Commissioning Plan will aim to encourage alternative funding streams into learning disabilities support. This will include access to capital and revenue for supported living, and opportunities to expand employment and training through generic sources.	Stephanie Canham	April 2007	Additional funding streams achieved	
i	The Council should use its wider inclusion and disability and diversity strategies to support the social inclusion of people with learning disabilities.	Accepted	The Valuing People Partnership Board has close links with the Council's Diversity Team, and joint initiatives will continue.	Stephanie Canham & Senior Management team			

j	That the Executive's response to the Review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive has approved its response;	Accepted	To be reported to Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee Dec 2006	Cabinet member for Social Care	Dec 2006	Scrutiny Committee receive report	
k	That a further report on progress in response to the Review then be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports to be made.	Accepted	A progress report will be made as requested.	Cabinet Member for Social Care	April 2007		