

Title of Report:	Commissioning Strategy for Learning Disabilities Services	Item 8
Report to be considered by:	Executive	
Forward Plan Ref:	EX0645	

Corporate Plan Priority:	S2 - Tackling all forms of social exclusion across the district. S3 - Promoting independence of older people and people with disabilities.
<p>The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Corporate Plan priority by: Ensuring that future service provision responds effectively to local need and policy guidance, and provides cost efficiency in terms of use of resources and positive outcomes for service users.</p>	

Purpose of Report:	To seek approval for the commissioning strategy for learning disabilities services.
Recommended Action:	To approve the commissioning strategy for learning disabilities services.
Reason for decision to be taken:	To provide a clear direction for service commissioning and development in line with corporate priorities.
List of other options considered:	The Commissioning Strategy is a required document to fulfil the purposes and priorities described above. The content of the strategy is based on existing national and local priorities.
Key background documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Care and Housing Directorate Plan • Valuing People Strategies: Modernising Day Services, Workforce, Quality, Health Action Framework • Valuing People White Paper

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Implications

- Financial:** *The strategy reports budget levels for 03/04 pending completion of 05/06 budget build*
- Property:** The reprovion of Newbury Day Centre is included within the Strategy and is being taken forward by a Project Board, including Senior Officers and Council Members.
- Risk Management:** A risk assessment will be undertaken as part of the above project.

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) is the key group for the development and monitoring strategies for people with Learning Disability and their families. This group will oversee the implementation of the Commissioning Strategy, and will be instrumental in influencing planned amendments which will be required as more, improved information about needs becomes available. The LDPB, through its members and sub groups, has been instrumental in the development of current strategies required by Valuing People. These strategies provide the specific guidance required for development in a number of key areas, and as such, provide a firm foundation for the Commissioning Strategy in a number of key areas described below.
- 1.2 The Modernising Day Services, Housing, Person-Centred Planning, Workforce Strategies, and Quality Assurance and Health Action Frameworks have already been developed in line with the implementation of the Valuing People white paper. The Commissioning Strategy has drawn together the key elements of these strategies in terms of:
- Their relevance to the commissioning process,
 - Information they contain about needs of people with a Learning Disability
 - Targets for future service development
- 1.3 The West Berkshire Commissioning Strategy also draws on a review and analysis of the present trends in terms of:
- Needs, supply and resource allocation
 - Organisational arrangements for commissioning
- 1.4 A shared vision for the support and delivery of services to people with a learning disability has been developed, along with identification of the principles that will underpin the objectives and plans for commissioning current and potential services.
- 1.5 An analysis of the difference between current service commissioning and the commissioning required to achieve the desired outcomes for service users. This provides the foundation for the commissioning objectives and plans
- 1.6 Checking that the organisational arrangements are in place to deliver the commissioning objectives and plans, and are capable of effective monitoring and feedback for future planning

2. The Commissioning Strategy Document

- 2.1 The three elements of the document are as follows:
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| The main document | pages 5-42 |
| Executive summary | pages 43-48 |
| Appendices | 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
- 2.2 The Commissioning Strategy covers a 3 year period (2004-2007), and will be reviewed annually. Updates will be issued as short documents, in newsletters and briefings for the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

- 2.3 The Commissioning Strategy should be seen as a working document, to guide and support future work. It aims to provide specific targets, measurable outcomes and dates for achievement, based on analysis of available information about needs and local and national policy.
- 2.4 The Commissioning Strategy also contains targets designed to improve the Commissioning process itself. This is in recognition of the need to improve information about needs, use of contracting and care management processes and managing the market effectively to improve both the range and quality of service provision.

Appendices

Appendix 8 – Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities 2004 – 2007

(Due to the size of this document a copy can be obtained on request from Anne Hunter (01635 519241) and a copy will be held in the Members' Room)

Consultation Responses

Local Stakeholders:	Members of the LDPB have been involved in the development of strategies forming the foundation of the commissioning strategy. These include service users, carers, representatives of voluntary and public sector partner organisations including Newbury and Community Primary Care Trust and Thames Valley Police.
Officers Consulted:	Margaret Goldie, Corporate Director CC&H Jan Evans, Head of older People's Services Teresa Bell, Head of Quality Performance and Partnerships
Trade Union:	N/A