

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee
Date of Committee 24th May 2007
Report Title Area Community Learning Partnership (ACLP) for Rugby Borough, Progress Report 2006/07 and Action Plan for 2007/08

Summary This report summarises progress made by the ACLP during 2006/07 and gives an outline for proposed partnership activity for 2007/08.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision] No

Background papers

- Area Committee reports 19.3.03, 6.11.03, 5.5.04, 3.11.04, 16.6.05 and 8.3.06
- Cabinet reports 28.8.03 and 8.1.04
- Background papers sent for Area Committee Workshop held on 13.10.03
- The Rugby Community Learning Plan 2005/08

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

Other Committees

Local Member(s)

Other Elected Members Spokespersons for information:
Cllr Richard Grant
Cllr Jill Dill-Russell
Cllr John Whitehouse

- Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe
- Other Cabinet Members consulted Cllr John Burton
Cllr Colin Hayfield
Cllr Peter Fowler
- Chief Executive The Performance and Development Directorate Area Manager is a member of the ACLP
- Legal Victoria Gould – “fine”
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors The Strategic Directors of Adult, Health & Community Services and Children, Young People & Families are represented on the ACLP
- District Councils The Chief Executive of Rugby Borough Council is represented on the ACLP
- Health Authority The Chief Executive of the PCT is engaged with the ACLP
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals The ACLP also has membership from Warwickshire College – The Rugby Centre, The Learning and Skills Council, The Community and Voluntary Sector, The University of Warwick, The Workers Educational Association and the Diocesan Board of Education

FINAL DECISION **NO**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee A finalised Area Community Learning Plan for 2007/08 to be made available to Members in late summer/early autumn. Progress against 2007/08 to be reported in spring 2008.
- Further Consultation

Rugby Area Committee – 24th May 2007

**Area Community Learning Partnership (ACLP) for
Warwick District, Progress Report 2006/07 and Action Plan
for 2007/08**

Report of the Area Community Learning Partnership

Recommendations:

- (1) That the progress made in the development of the Community Learning Strategy and the multi-agency Community Learning Plan for Rugby Borough is noted.
- (2) That the detailed progress report against 2006/07 actions be endorsed.
- (3) That a finalised Area Community Learning Plan for 2007/08 is made available to the Area Committee for information in late summer/early autumn.

1. Background

1.1 The development of the Community Learning Strategy and multi-agency Community Learning Plans enable the Local Authority and all partner organisations:

- To engage in new ways with the local community, so that learners, parents and carers, and our partners are all working together to help learners of all ages to achieve their potential.
- To enhance communication and understanding across the range of learning provision.
- To ensure that increasingly complex arrangements for learning:
 - Are planned more coherently to avoid needless duplication
 - Have agencies working together – not in competition with each other
 - Seek to respond to the differing needs of local communities
 - Are subject to local democratic scrutiny.

1.2 The Area Community Learning Partnership (ACLP), which has met regularly since April 2003, is co-ordinated and serviced by the Schools and Communities Team of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate and is the vehicle through which the Area Community Learning Plan has been developed.

- 1.3 The ACLP is currently the 'Lifelong Learning Theme Group' for the Rugby Forward (the Local Strategic Partnership).
- 1.4 Progress against the 2006/07 action plan was monitored by the Partnership on a regular basis and all partner agencies contributed to the process. A full progress report for 2006/07 is attached at **Appendix A**.

2. The Area Community Learning Plan 2005/08

- 2.1 Progress made against the Community Learning Plan for 2006/07 has been encouraging and has given partner agencies a firm basis to build upon when considering future working.
- 2.2 The ACLP is a key vehicle for supporting the extended services agenda within localities. It is also key to encouraging a multi-agency response to meeting the objectives of the Local Area Agreement allowing flexibility and providing local solutions.
- 2.3 A meeting is scheduled for late June to consider the priorities and actions identified by the LAA Block Leads within the Borough. This in turn will enable the ACLP to consider future working and develop an action plan for 2007/08. Although this means that the action plan will be produced later than within our usual timescale, we feel it is imperative to recognise the vital role the ACLP will have in supporting the lifelong learning agenda within the Borough and to reflect the priorities of the LAA and the Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 2.4 The ACLP welcomes the comments of Area Committee and will look to finalise the plan in late summer. A copy of the finalised plan will be shared with Members in late summer/early autumn.

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AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP FOR RUGBY BOROUGH

Progress Report 2006/07

1. SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY BASED LEARNING PROVISION.

Directly links to Sustainable Community Strategy blocks Children and Young People and Healthier communities and older people

Ref	Activity/Programme	Measurable Outcomes/Progress Made	Lead Contact(s)
1.1	Develop a coherent approach to family based learning.	<p>LLSC looking to re-establish the Coventry and Warwickshire Family Learning Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry and Warwickshire Family Learning Network re-established. • Representation from Rugby on the Network. <p>Local forum developed within Rugby Borough to allow an opportunity for information sharing. Two meetings to be held each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local forum considered. • Existing communication channels in place therefore no plans to develop a local forum at this stage. <p>Collaboration about multi agency publicity re activity during Family Learning and Adult Learners Weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative approach supported as appropriate. 	<p>WCC ACLS Geoff Dewhurst</p> <p>WCC L&IS Linda Smith and Helen Price</p> <p>LLSC Sophie Thompson</p>

2. SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORK BASED LEARNING, IN PARTICULAR FOR LOW PAID / PART TIME EMPLOYEES AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

Directly links to Sustainable Community Strategy block Economic development and enterprise

Ref	Activity/Programme	Measurable Outcomes/Progress Made	Lead Contact(s)
2.1	Support the development of the Rugby Opportunities Centre focussing on entry-level training in construction.	<p>ACLP membership secured on the Rugby Opportunities Centre Management Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation on Opportunities Centre Steering Group secured. <p>Centre Manager to become a member of the ACLP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre Manager to give a presentation to ACLP to raise awareness of the Centre. <p>Potential signposters aware of facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLP members invited to official opening of centre. <p>Centre fully utilised with a timetable of activity for young people and older unemployed adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision well received. • Opportunities available for school students and unemployed adults. • Fee paying evening courses developed and well attended. • Taster day developed and offered for a community group upon request. <p>Linkages made and partnerships developed within the construction industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good links exist with Lovells Construction. • Rugby Borough Council encourages developers within the area to work with the Opportunities Centre and to offer placements whenever possible. <p>Progression routes identified and clearly communicated to clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications considered and offered as appropriate to the needs of the specific groups. • Progression routes within the College identified. • Links made with industry re employment opportunities 	Rugby Opportunities Centre Manager Ray French

3. IMPROVING THE COHERENCE AND JOINT PLANNING OF COMMUNITY BASED ICT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS.

Directly links to Sustainable Community Strategy block Economic development and enterprise and Environmental and sustainability

Ref	Activity/Programme	Measurable Outcomes/Progress Made	Lead Contact(s)
3.1	Encourage coherence to the delivery of ICT provision within the Borough.	<p>Local forum developed within Rugby Borough to allow an opportunity for information sharing. Two meetings to be held each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings taken place to develop a working network. Further work required to enhance discussions. • Changes to Funding will have an impact on service provision and an increase in partnership working is likely to ensure user need met. • Linkages to be made with existing information gathering on behalf of Extended Services, The CHOICES Network, The Coventry and Warwickshire Learning Consortium etc. • Action plan to be developed during 2007/08. <p>Collaboration about multi agency publicity and identification of progression routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential funding sources to support shared publicity to be investigated in 2007/08. 	<p>Lawrence Sheriff School Maggie Armitage</p> <p>WCC S&CT Janet Neale</p>

4. IMPROVING THE COHERENCE AND JOINT PLANNING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE.

Directly links to Sustainable Community Strategy blocks Economic development and enterprise and Environmental and sustainability

Ref	Activity/Programme	Measurable Outcomes/Progress Made	Lead Contact(s)
4.1	Develop a network and use Community Learning Champions based in specific communities to target groups which they represent.	<p>Learning Champions recruited and supported in their role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Champion role to be determined and sponsorship secured. • The appointment of Learning Champions to be re-considered in 2007/08 in the light of the LAA and the Sustainable Communities Strategy. <p>Link to voluntary and community organisations already working with these communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of potential Learning Champions to be secured through the process of community audits. <p>Develop appropriate publicity/promotion campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Champions to develop own publicity appropriate to their area of work. 	WCC S&CT Peter Thompson

5. TO DEVELOP THE WIDER USE OF SCHOOLS, COLLEGE AND OTHER BUILDINGS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING.

Directly links to Sustainable Community Strategy blocks Children and Young People, Healthier communities and older people, Economic development and enterprise and Environmental and sustainability

Ref	Activity/Programme	Measurable Outcomes/Progress Made	Lead Contact(s)
5.1	<p>To ensure active engagement with the Extended Schools agenda.</p> <p>To publicise the availability of buildings/facilities for community use.</p> <p>To engage with the development of the new mobile library fleet.</p>	<p>Extended Schools Development Worker to become an active member of the ACLP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation given to ACLP re. the development of Extended Services and the implications for Rugby Borough. • The Extended Service Development Officer a full member of the ACLP. <p>ACLP involved in discussions around the future development of extended services within local schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLP members invited to attend training programme re development of extended services. • Extended services a standing item at ACLP meetings. <p>A series of clusters of schools develop to offer extended services to meet the needs of the neighbourhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clusters developing appropriate to local working. <p>Publicity produced and opening available re community use of buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sent to affiliated groups about availability of funding for use of buildings for educational provision. <p>ACLP members able to contribute to the development of the new mobile library fleet of vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLP contacted as part of the initial consultation process re the development of the library fleet. A presentation given with the opportunity for partners to feed into gathering of information re potential specification. 	WCC S&CT Peter Thompson & Phyllis Collins

6. ENSURE RESIDENTS OF RUGBY BOROUGH ARE ABLE TO ACCESS APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ABOUT LEARNING AND WORK.

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6.1	<p>Promote the existing outlets where residents can receive quality Information, Advice and Guidance.</p> <p>Encourage the wider achievement of the Matrix Standard amongst partner agencies within the Borough.</p> <p>Support the development of a community advice shop on Brownsover.</p>	<p>Information collected, collated and readily available.</p> <p>Consideration of an ACLP quality brand.</p> <p>An increase in the number of outlets for residents to receive quality information, advice and guidance.</p> <p>Provision available from the Brownsover Community Shop.</p>	<p>Coventry and Warwickshire Nextstep Roger White</p> <p>CHOICES Network</p>