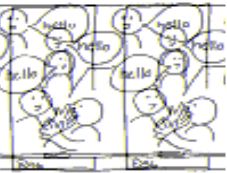


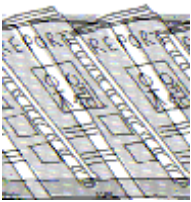




People at the meeting were asked to sign an attendance sheet. Due to the large number of people now attending, only Board members and guest speakers would be listed in the minutes.



Ray Wilk welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Board members to introduce themselves.

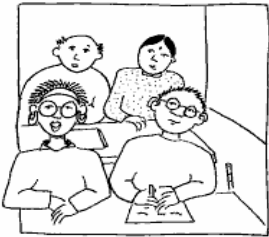


**Presentation – Ray Wilk  
Partnership Board Draft Statement of Values and Principles**

Ray Wilk introduced the draft Statement of Values and Principles and explained what work had been done to put it together.

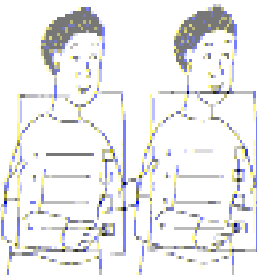
Partnership Board members attended workshops in December and January to: -

- review how the Partnership Board works
- look at what it should and should not be doing
- Make decisions and plan for the future



The Board members then made a summary of what they thought was important for the Board: -

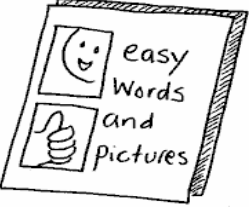


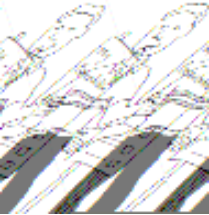
- Purpose of the Board - to remind people what the Partnership Board is for and set out what it should be trying to achieve
- Statement of principles – which describes how people should behave towards one another and how people should work together
- Statement of values – list of what is important and what should be remembered when conducting Partnership Board work.

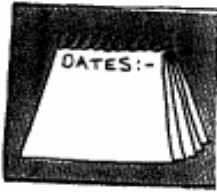


Ray Wilk presented the summary and asked the Board members for comments: -

1. consistency in use of words – use ‘people with learning disabilities’ and not ‘clients’
2. When referring to Leeds residents, don’t forget people placed out of Leeds
3. Make wording more accessible



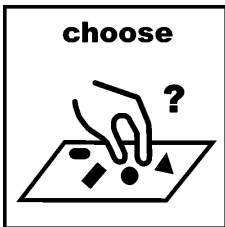
 	<p>The Board were asked whether they felt the document was ready to be re-issued (once the amendments had been made), and if a title for the document could be suggested.</p> <p>The Board agreed.</p> <p>Sue Lindsey, of Asking You, offered to take the document to the next Advisory Group meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 to proof read – this was agreed.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether it was correct to use the phrase ‘people with learning <b>disabilities</b>’ rather than ‘people with learning <b>difficulties</b>’. Discussions took place and it was agreed to continue using the word ‘<b>disabilities</b>’.</p> <p>Ray Wilk said the final document would be brought back to the Board in June for signing off.</p>	
	<p>Ray Wilk said the Partnership Board needs more support and would benefit from a dedicated Partnership Board Officer. Dave Rosser added that other Boards around the country who had employed a Board Officer had been more effective. Funds for this post will be identified and a process established for the recruitment of a suitable candidate. This proposal was supported by the Board.</p>	<p>Ray Wilk</p> <p>Dave Rosser</p> <p>Janet Wright</p>
	<p><b>Presentation - Learning Disability Strategy</b>  <b>Dave Rosser, Peter Lister and Janet Wright</b></p> <p>Dave Rosser gave the Board an update on the progress of the Strategy and explained what work had been done to put it together. There are 3 main sections to the strategy – the vision, the themes and the commissioning intentions. There will also be a communication strategy, to ensure everyone has had the opportunity to contribute their ideas plus a section containing action plans – detailing how the strategy will deliver the services.</p> <p>Peter Lister explained his role as a Consultant Advisor and said he was there to help write the strategy and make sure the resources are in place to deliver it.</p>	



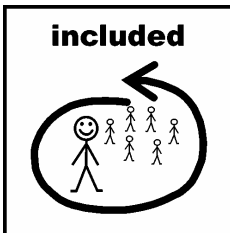
He reported that the communication strategy should be completed by the end of May and the action plans by the end of June. The strategy will then be available in early Summer.

Janet Wright told everyone what had happened at the consultation events held to plan the strategy. Some Service Users talked about their own personal experiences and what they felt was important for the future. Some of these examples will be used in the strategy.

During the consultations underlying themes emerged which have been used to guide the processes in the Strategy. The themes are: -



1. Empowerment and control
2. Inclusion
3. Integration
4. Prevention
5. Local
6. Diversity
7. Flexible



Dave Rosser thanked everyone for all their views and ideas. Ray Wilk said on behalf of the Board, thank you for including the Partnership Board in the consultation process.



**Presentation - Independent Living Project  
Andy Rawnsley**

Andy Rawnsley explained the purpose and history behind the Project, which will bring £60 million to Leeds to remodel residential services for adults with learning disabilities and mental health needs. Some of the Project aims are: -

1. support people with learning disabilities to take control and live more independently
2. provide accommodation based within local communities
3. bring people back to Leeds to be nearer to their families



#### 4. support people in the transition process

The Project wants to develop 71 properties on 44 sites and has already consulted with Service Users to find out where they would like to live. The Project Group is now working with the Planning Department to get planning permission to build on these sites and is also in discussion with Council Ward Members to gain their support.

Interviews took place in April to appoint staff for the Planning Team. In summer the Team will start planning with people who currently live either in hostels in Leeds or who are placed out of the area.

The preferred building contractor will be appointed in 2007 and people will hopefully start to move into their new homes by autumn 2008.

#### **Questions raised by the Board and members of the public after the presentation:**

1. Is there a possibility of re-adaptation of family properties?

Response: This project will provide new build accommodation rather than adapted family properties. Should you wish to have any more information on adapted properties you can refer to Disabled Facilities Grant or discuss further options with Steve Harris, the Housing Project Manager.

Dave Rosser commented this was an interesting idea and there may be a possibility of developing adapted properties with social landlords for families.

2. What about people who cannot cope on their own?

Response: People will be assessed for the amount of support they need.

3. What about respite?

Response: New respite units will be developed – one in each current PCT area.

4. How do you find out about these respite units?





Response: People using the current services will be informed if the location of their respite changes. Any new referrals will need to be made through Social Services.

5. How many people will benefit from the ILP?

Response: Approximately 420 people.

6. Will everyone living in hostels move out?

Response: Yes.

7. Support will not necessarily come from the organisations people choose, some will have to come from Social Services.

Response: Direct Payments have to be offered with the assessment and Supporting People, who fund housing support, do not have the capacity locally to provide this through Direct Payments.

8. Who will provide the support?

Response: An exercise has been undertaken to look at all the options and risks. Social Services will continue to provide the support that they do now but any new support will go out to tender.

9. Will anyone be able to have an individualised budget?

Response: We have started the process but do not want to commit to something we cannot provide but we are in discussion about this.



### **Any other business**

As this meeting had been devoted to the three large agenda items, a handout was given to update people on other ongoing Partnership Board work. Copies of this handout are available from the Joint Commissioning Service – Telephone 0113 2478894.



**The next Partnership Board meeting will be held**

**10.00am till 2pm  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
at Pudsey Civic Hall**