

## **Action notes for the LINK transitional meeting group**

**Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 08/07/2008**

**Venue: Westgate Hall  
Canterbury**

### **Present:**

Jim Hancock  
Roger Kendall  
Peta Groom  
John Hopkinson  
Clive Wanstall  
Leslie Bulman  
John Fletcher  
Evan Stirzaker  
Jessie Cunnett (Chair)  
Mary Blanche

### **Apologies**

Maureen Moore Fran Witherden  
Ram Appadoo  
John Larcombe  
Lesley Street  
Jack Shulman  
Carole Swann

### **1 Welcome and introductions**

These were made

### **2 Minutes and matters arising**

These were agreed

### **3 Update on the host organisation**

Mary informed the group that, subject to the ten day standstill period required by European law, the County Council intended to contract with Kent and Medway Networks ( KMN) to provide this service. The ten-day standstill period is to allow unsuccessful bidders to appeal and this ends by the 11<sup>th</sup> July. KMN have also been successful in becoming the Medway host organisation. Subject to the standstill, KMN will take over the next meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> August. The group asked if KMN could produce a short presentation at this meeting to explain how their organisation works and the role of the host organisation.

It was agreed to ask them to do this and to ask the PCTs and KASS to attend a future meeting instead of the August one. Mary thanked those members of the group who helped with the procurement process.

#### **4. Discussion of a model for the LINK**

The group discussed 3 potential models for the LINK ( see attached).The first model has a governance hub, the second has a more fluid structure with the host taking more responsibility and the 3<sup>rd</sup> has a governance hub with groups which are time limited. After much discussion, the group decided on a compromise between model 1 and 3 with a governance hub and both fixed and flexible groups. See attached model.

There was much discussion about the basis of the groups e.g. should they be issue based, geographically based or PCT/ Social Services based. It was agreed that the model allowed flexibility to “ fill the boxes” as the people of Kent want. It was also agreed that any model and governance would have to go to consultation in Kent. Concern was also expressed about how to relate to cross border issues e.g. SECAMB

#### **5 Governance**

Jessie passed round a paper she had written to inform the governance debate and some papers downloaded from

[www.communityvoicesonline.org](http://www.communityvoicesonline.org)

but there was insufficient time to discuss them in detail. Participants were asked to consider the documents and to discuss them at a later date.

**Next Meeting: This will be run by KMN and will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>TH</sup> august at Hawkinge Community Centre, Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge, Folkestone**