



Report of the Director of Adult Services

Executive Board

Date: 24th January 2007

**Subject: Commissioning Plan for Day Services for Disabled People:
Update concerning Clifford Brooke Resource Centre.**

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In
(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2005 the Executive Board agreed the over-arching principles on which the Social Services Department's Commissioning Strategy for Adult Day Services would be based.

In October 2006 the Commissioning Plan for Day Services for Disabled People was approved by Executive Board.

That report made particular reference to the position of Clifford Brooke Resource Centre which is based on the Roundhay Road site, given the fact that arrangements are being made for all services to vacate that site. The report highlighted the fact that the direction of travel is towards a day service which is more flexible, person-centred and less building-based. In view of that the report recommended that a building-based reprovision of Clifford Brooke was unnecessary on the basis that this provided an opportunity to move in the direction of the new service model.

The report referred to other consultation already undertaken with the service users at Clifford Brooke but recognized the need for a final piece of consultation in relation to the specific recommendation in the report.

This report informs Members that the last part of the consultation process with service users at Clifford Brooke has been concluded. A process of working out with service users the appropriate alternative provision for them has very nearly been completed and plans are being made for Clifford Brooke to vacate the Roundhay Road site by the end of March 2007.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 In October 2006 Members approved a report which presented the 'Commissioning Plan for Day Services for Disabled People'. In the context of that plan and the Council's decision to vacate the Roundhay Road site, the report contained a specific recommendation about the future of Clifford Brooke Resource Centre which is based on that site.
- 1.2 The report gave an assurance that there would be an appropriate process of consultation with the service users at Clifford Brooke. This report provides feedback about the outcome of that consultation and the related steps being taken.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Clifford Brooke is one of the Social Services Department's three Resource Centres which provide a day service to people with a physical disability. Clifford Brooke is on the Roundhay Road site.
- 2.2 The service provided by the three Resource Centres was the subject of an independent review carried out by the Leeds Disability Modernisation Team. The final report from that review was issued in June 2006 under the title 'Seize the Day'.
- 2.3 A report concerning the review of the three Resource Centres and the recommendations set out in 'Seize the Day' were agreed by Members in October 2006. The report highlighted both the plans for the Roundhay Road site and the direction recommended by 'Seize the Day' to shift resources to support more community-based service delivery in line with the new service model. 'Seize the Day' provided a set of wide ranging recommendations about the future development of day services for disabled people with a particular emphasis on providing a more flexible, individualised service with a focus on promoting service users' independence. Among other things it proposed a service which would be less building-based and which would have the capacity to support service users in different settings. These recommendations have been adopted as the basis for planning the future service.
- 2.4 Executive Board considered the future of the Roundhay Road site in September 2005. A decision was made in principle that all services would vacate that site. A detailed plan to achieve this is nearing completion.
- 2.5 The report noted that there were only a relatively small number of service users on the register at Clifford Brooke and that they had already been involved in consultation about the future of the Resource Centres and about the plans for the Roundhay Road site. The report proposed that there should be a final consultation specifically about the recommendation concerning the future of Clifford Brooke.
- 2.6 There has been extensive consultation over recent months including visits to the centre and meetings with service user's. There have been several visits to the centre and meetings involving Cllr Harrand, John Davies, Jim Wilson and Mike Evans where service users concerns have been fully aired and discussed.

3.0. Outcome of consultation

- 3.1 The process of consultation has been completed and this has involved both group and individual meetings. Understandably service users have mixed feelings about the changes because of their attachment to Clifford Brooke which many of them have attended for a long time. However, although a small minority maintain the view that there should be a building-based reprovion, most are accepting of what is being proposed and want to see the new arrangements settled.
- 3.2 It has been possible to work out with all but one of the thirty three service users, who travel from all over Leeds, on an individual basis the most appropriate future provision for them taking account of their needs and preferences in the following way:
- Seventeen agreed go to Osmondthorpe Resource Centre
 - Three agreed to go to Mariners Resource Centre
 - Seven agreed to go to other Day Centres
 - Nine have stated preferences and will confirm their final decisions following visits.
 - It has not been possible to complete the process with one service user because of his current circumstances. This will be concluded as soon as practicable.

Note: four service users have chosen to attend two Centres.

4.0. Implementation

- 4.1 The different consultation processes and discussions with the service users at Clifford Brooke have taken place over an extended period and inevitably caused concern and uncertainty. Now that these have been concluded their request is to have some certainty and to have a definite timescale for the changes.
- 4.2 It is envisaged that it will be feasible and appropriate for plans to be made for individual service users to move to their alternative provision and for all other practical arrangements to be made for Clifford Brooke to vacate the Roundhay Road site by the end of March 2007.
- 4.3 The timescale has been discussed with the Project Manager responsible for managing the changes on the Roundhay Road site and there is agreement that it is appropriate in the context of that project.
- 4.4 The changes are being worked through with the staff at Clifford Brooke using the appropriate Human Resources processes. A key aim is to ensure that this is managed in a way which makes it possible to expand further existing services for disabled people which fit well with the new service model.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 The plans for the future of the day service for disabled adults are based on the recommendations set out in 'Seize the Day'. The previous Executive Board Report which was agreed in October 2006 concluded that in the light of the direction of travel it would not be appropriate to have a building-based reprovion of Clifford Brooke and that this would provide an opportunity to move towards the new, more flexible service model.

5.2 This report informs Members that the last part of the consultation process with service users at Clifford Brooke has been concluded. Appropriate alternative provision for service users has been worked out with them and plans are being made for Clifford Brooke to vacate the Roundhay Road site by the end of March 2007.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1. Members are asked to note the outcome of the consultation with service users and the plan for Clifford Brooke Resource Centre to vacate the Roundhay Road site by the end of March 2007.