

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MK COUNCIL LEARNING DISABILITY OFFICER  
WORKING GROUP**

**Context**

Many different departments of Milton Keynes Council are involved in activities to support children and adults with learning disabilities. A number of initiatives are underway or proposed, frequently with extended funding from different sources. However there is a danger of duplication and lack of coherence unless there is a mechanism for monitoring and co-ordinating the Council's services and initiatives.

**Scope**

Learning Disability is used here to include people who are described this way by themselves or by professionals. It includes those who are described as having learning difficulties in some service areas.

The working group will look at the Council's response in relation to the need of people aged 0 – 100+.

**Objectives of the Group**

1. to provide better communication between officers who are concerned with services for people with learning disabilities
2. to compile information about services available for people with learning disabilities in Milton Keynes
3. to share information about good practice in Milton Keynes and beyond
4. to identify barriers to the use of community services and ways of addressing these barriers
5. to improve services available in MK for people with learning disabilities

**Membership of the group**

Members will be invited to attend from all the Council's Directorates as agreed at the first meeting. Officers involved are expected to be those who have a responsibility for work that has a direct relevance to the remit of the group.

## **Meetings**

The group will meet as often as required. Initially this may be as often as monthly but in the longer term it may be quarterly.

Meetings will be convened by the Economy and Learning Manager, and chaired by the Project Manager (Learning Disability Services).