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REPORT TO: FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING: 18TH APRIL 2002
REPORT FROM: COUNCILLOR M. ROSE/
COUNCILLOR J. CARROLL
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:
SUBJECT: CVS Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2002

1.0 Detail

Members of the Executive Committee were introduced to Chris Harris, the new South Derbyshire CVS Training Officer.

Chris briefly explained what Investors in People initiative is. The Standard provides a national framework for improving performance, through a planned approach to setting and communicating business objectives and developing people to meet these objectives.

1.2 Training

It was suggested that Executive Committee members should receive training and that an induction pack be produced for that purpose. Groundwork had done some training development work for committees and it felt that they might be again contacted for their help.

1.3 Phab Training

Cllr Rose asked for clarification of the PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Abled Bodied) training. This relates to the Disability Discrimination Act and the changes due to take place. Cllr Rose suggested that CVS invite Cllr Harrington to attend training sessions. It was suggested one representative from a variety of organisations could attend the training sessions and disseminate the training to others.

It was felt the training sessions should not just be about producing ideas about the accessibility to buildings but should also include the production of literature aimed at making people aware of issues that disabled people.

1.4 Partnership Working

One of the most important points to come out of the Chairman's report is the need for a South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership. This was considered a matter of urgency. This would enable access to forthcoming opportunities. The urgency relates to other authorities going their own way in the light of failing support for a National Forest Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership and cross boarder Local Strategic Partnership; i.e. Leicestershire districts and boroughs have plans for their own L.S.P.'s well under way and are looking for EMDA funding.

- 1.5 The importance to relate information gained from meetings to other relevant agencies, in particular the voluntary sector, was stressed. The importance of ensuring close partnership working was highlighted by the example of areas such as Amber Valley where the relationship between the local CVS and the statutory sector is seen to be poor.