

# BASE Annual General Meeting 2016

Venue: Manchester Conference Centre

Date: 4:00pm, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016



## Minutes

### Full Members present:

Action for Kids	Kent County Council	Skillnet Group
APM (wasn't on list though)	London Borough of Newham	Southdown Housing Association
Calderdale Borough Council	Merthyr Tydfil Institute for the Blind	St Camillus Car Group Ltd
City of Bradford MDC	Newcastle City Council	Surrey Choices
Clarity	North East Autism Society	Three C's
Croydon Council	North Yorkshire County Council	United Response
Down's Syndrome Association	Olympus Care Services	Ways into Work
Freeway's Trust	Pluss	
Gloucestershire County Council	Shaw Trust	

### Associate Members present:

Liz Mellor	Melling Training and Consultancy	Oldfield's Consultancy Ltd
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### 1) Apologies for Absence

None received

### 2) To approve the Minutes of the AGM of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The minutes were approved by the NEC.

### 3) Motion to approve the Chairman's Report for 2015-2016

Paul Wilson informed the AGM that he stands down this year. Paul thanked the CEO of BASE, Huw Davies. Paul thanked the NEC and co-opted members for their work. Paul thanked previous Chairs of BASE. Paul thanked the people who will follow Paul in the Co-Chair's footsteps and Robert in his Treasurer's role, as well as Alistair Kerr, who steps down from Vice-Chair this year as he continues with his work in Scotland.

Paul briefly covered the work of BASE and what has been happening and his thoughts on the future of halving the disability employment gap. BASE will continue to contribute and to drive forward this ambition.

Nominated: BASE NEC      Approved unanimously

### 4) Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for 2015-2016

Robert discussed the Treasurer's report and how income has been generated by BASE in particularly through the delivery of training and of course the conference. Membership has remained relatively steady and this is quite heartening. Financially we have different challenges that we must keep an eye on what is going on and we have achieved a surplus of 12 months operating costs.

Nominated: BASE NEC      Approved unanimously

**5) Motion to approve the National Executive's nominations for the national officer posts**

- a) Co-Chairs - Laura Davis and Matt Britt
- b) Vice Chair – Rhys Toone
- c) Treasurer – Robert Elston

Nominated – BASE NEC      Approved unanimously

**6) Presentations from NEC Members**

Kathy Melling – Training and Consultancy is exceptionally busy and the interest is increasing. BASE is keen to talk through accredited and non-accredited training delivery to members and non-members. A range of consultancy continues nationally. BASE was also a key partner in the DfE-funded *Employment is Everyone's Business* project within Berkshire. BASE aims to continue to meet the workforce development needs of the sector.

Martin Davies – Martin gave an update on joint work with DWP. DWP is looking to direct resources to locally commissioned supported employment. A costed model has been submitted for DWP to consider and we are working to trial some arrangements with a range of local authorities from Spring 2017.

Mel Walls – Mel gave an update on work with Supported Businesses. Protected place funding is in place until October 2018 and Mel discussed what supported businesses could do to support one another to ensure their future as disability employment support is reconfigured.

Huw Davies - Huw discussed the opportunities and challenges of the Green Paper. The policy background is one of disinvestment, both locally and nationally. He set out the range of activity that BASE has been involved in and reinforced the need for quality provision and evidence-based commissioning. Huw called for a more encouraging approach from DWP, as opposed to one based on conditionality, and called for the return of the 104-week linking rules. He finished by reminding members that BASE is their association, run by, and for, them and encouraged all to get involved.

**7) Members' Forum – questions to the NEC**

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 16:50