



## **Autism Steering Group**

### **Meeting #4**

**25th February 2025**

**Chalvey Community Hub**

### ***Easy Read Minutes***

#### **Welcome and introductions.**

- The Group Chair welcomed all professionals, autistic people, and carers attending the meeting.
- Everyone said hello and shared a bit about themselves with the group.

#### **Autism Strategy Updates**

- The Commissioner for Learning Disabilities and Autism presented updates about the Autism Strategy.
- The group heard about the progress made on different actions in the strategy.
- Members discussed what is working well and what needs more attention.

#### **Tea Break**

#### **Social Group for Autistic Adults in Slough**

- A member from Slough Autism Together shared their experience of creating and running a social group in Slough.
- The social group brings autistic adults together who might otherwise be at home alone.
- Members discussed how the social group helps autistic adults to make friends and feel less lonely.
- The group helps people connect with others who understand their experiences.

#### **Autism Celebration 2025 – Planning and Ideas**

- The group discussed ideas and initiatives for the Autism Celebration in 2025.
- It was agreed that the theme for 2025 would be celebrating autistic achievements.
- This includes celebrating autistic people who have graduated, succeeded professionally, succeeded artistically, and achieved other important goals.
- The celebration will include local testimonials from autistic people in Slough sharing their success stories.
- The group discussed involving local organisations in the voluntary sector to support the celebration.
- It was also discussed to involve businesses with strong commitments to Environmental, Social, and Governance principles.
- Members shared ideas about how to make the celebration meaningful and inclusive.

***Actions:***

- *The Commissioner for Learning Disabilities and Autism to coordinate planning for the Autism Celebration 2025.*
- *The Commissioner to reach out to voluntary sector organisations and businesses about participating in the celebration.*
- *Group members to share ideas for local autistic people who might want to share their success stories.*

**Any Other Business**

*No other business was raised.*