Question 1

Do the things in the easy read consultation report reflect your views and opinions about services for people with learning disabilities?

(Please tick your answer)

You can put any comments about this question here.
Question 2

What do you think has worked well over the last 10 years for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

This could be changes in your local community or all over Scotland.

Please write your answer here.

My daughter is actively involved in the community every day Mon-Thur at the Riverbank Centre and with a personal care from 11.30 on Friday’s.

This has worked extremely well for my daughter but equally for myself and my wife.

Stirling Council through the Care Management Provider and arranged by Stella Hunter has had a dramatic impact on the quality of my daughter’s and our lives in the most positive sense.

The staff at the Riverbank Centre have been a wonderful support and their care and attention to getting to know the little details that make a difference has been excellent.
Question 3
What do you think still needs to be done by the Government to make the lives of people with learning disabilities and family carers better?

Please write your answer here.

The government needs to provide the councils and the service providers with the resources they need to meet the needs of the users especially those with very complex needs.
Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)

- What have you done in your organisation to improve services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

- What have you done in your organisation to improve access to services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

Please write your answer here.
Question 5
What have you done to make things better in your local area for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

Please write your answer here.

We have instrumental in starting up "THE BANK", an organisation now fully integrated into the PWS Charity (a recognised service provider for Stirling Council).

The Bank provided opportunities for young disabled people from 16-25 to continue to have a social life and maintain friendships and make new friends by providing the support they required to do the things young people do, e.g. bowling, lip concert, football, meeting friends for dinner or a drink.

Initially and continuing funding was acquired from the lottery funding.
Question 6

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get access to good healthcare?

Please write your answer here.

It is often very difficult for someone with learning difficulties to sit in a waiting room for a prolonged time to see a healthcare professional.

If these appointments could be fast-tracked with waiting to a maximum of 10mins that would help both the person with the learning difficulties and the carer.

Home visits would also help greatly.
Question 7
What do you think needs to be done to improve access to better education and learning for people with learning disabilities?

Please write your answer here.

My daughter has profound learning difficulties. The main area of improvement would have been access to regular (daily) speech therapy. The speech therapy was sporadic and for most of the time simply not available.
Access to good housing.
Access to mortgages for private housing.
Access to the support needed to do the daily things most of us take for granted. At present most of this comes from parents or carer's or service providers like Riverbank Plus.
Debt payments is a good vehicle for achieving some of this.
Question 9
What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

EDUCATE EMPLOYERS THAT DISABILITY DOES NOT MEAN 'LACK OF ABILITY' TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN TASKS.

INCENTIVISE EMPLOYERS TO TRY OUT PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES.
Question 10
What do you think are the things we need to do in the future to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better?
Please write the most important things first.

Please write your answers here.

Have regular future needs assessments and make it compulsory for key personnel to attend e.g. social worker, care manager etc.
Provide the resources to meet the needs & provisions set out in the assessments.
Provide the access to legal help to ensure the Council meets the needs.