

## COMMUNITY / NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGIES 2002-2005 – YEAR 1 REVIEW

### PROGRESS TRACKER – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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The actions and targets dispersed throughout the Community Strategy and the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy have been reformatted in a set of progress trackers. This is the tracker for the Community Development theme or cluster. Similar trackers have been produced for the other six.

The left-hand column reproduces text as set out in the strategy documents. Two columns have been added. The first identifies against each aim, action or opportunity the **Lead Contact** (a named individual); the second provides an **Update as at 31 March 2003**.

The tracker concludes with a two-page overview, which presents

- **Achievements** to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003,
- **Issues** preventing implementation of particular objectives and actions
- New **opportunities** since 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002; and
- **Priorities** to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005

**Together, the overview pages will make up the Year 1 Review.**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS** to 31st March 2003 (\* indicates NRF supported)

- A more representative steering group, with a good mix of partners from the public, community, voluntary and private sectors
- A NRS implementation plan, introducing concepts of cluster champions, co-ordinators and cluster- specific progress trackers ( 2002) was approved by KCP Steering at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003 meeting
- The role and purpose of Neighbourhood Renewal Steering Group was reviewed, leading to launch in April 2003 of the Strategies Implementation Group to oversee implementation of the NRS Year 1 Review and delivery of NRF programme
- RBKC, its partners and the Government signed a Local Public Sector Agreement (LPSA) agreement on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2003 with the intention of further improving the services to local people in the Borough. The Government will pay RBKC a pump priming grant £944,033 in 2003 to implement the LPSA agreement and a further performance grant if RBKC achieves its enhanced targets or secures substantial improvement in performance.
- Launch of the Community Strategy, June 2002
- Launch of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS), September 2002, comprising
  - Strategy Statement, and a Summary of Progress, setting out the Partnership's approach
  - Area Profiles, outlining priorities and opportunities throughout the Borough
  - Action Plan, covering the two priority wards of Golborne and St Charles, the skills and knowledge programme, and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
- Hosting in Town Hall of a Borough Conference, November 2002
- Preparation and launch of the NRS implementation plan, including concept of cluster champions and co-ordinators, January 2003
- Management of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme, resulting in expenditure of £XX against an allocation of £XX (separate evaluation report available)
- Management of Community Funds programmes resulting in expenditure of £103,207 (separate evaluation report available)
- Hosting of three, themed Regeneration Exchange events - on health (June), housing (October) and learning (February)
- Completion of the seven year Fighting Unemployment in North Kensington SRB programme, 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2003
- Independent evaluation by New Economics Foundation of the first three years of the Golborne United SRB programme to focus the second half of the programme to March 2006. Away day took place on 18th January 2003 and subsequently the GU Board prepared an action plan based on the evaluation and away day. Delivery plan included elements of the action plan and submitted to LDA by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003
- Launch of Sure Start Golborne's Parent Improvement Programme and activities, September, 2002
- Hosting by Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre of the national Faith in Regeneration conference, September 2002
- Business Planning priorities were shared by partners at January 21<sup>st</sup> 2003 KCP Steering Group

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#### **ISSUES** preventing implementation of particular objectives and actions

- The NRS action plan, and associated skills and knowledge activities, have so far focused almost exclusively on the north of the borough
- Resources have not yet been identified to set up an electronic panel to be used to consult and communicate with businesses (also under W&B cluster)
- A methodology to provide meaningful information at a reasonable cost of the amount and proportion of 'mainstream' funding resources going into Golborne and St Charles has not been developed
- Small area targets, to complement those borough-wide targets set by the Government nationally, and through the Council's local public service agreement (LPSA) with the Government, and by service providers, are not always appropriate
- Geo-coding of mapped information in the Area Profiles to allow on-line updating of maps has not progressed

#### New **OPPORTUNITIES** since 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002

- The Council has carried out a review, involving independent scrutiny, of its economic development and regeneration activities, which will report in May 2003
- The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees have carried out a review of the effectiveness of public consultation procedures and practice, which will report in May 2003
- The release of 'small area' statistics from the 2001 Census of Population, plus subsequent surveys, will allow an updating of the database and profiles of the areas and priority neighbourhoods described in the NRS
- The Government has allocated to the KCP an additional £1.081m from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund in 2004/05 and £1.081 million in 2005/06
- The Communications sub-group has made recommendations about how the steering group can more broadly engage the community in the work of the Partnership

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**PRIORITIES** to 30th June 2004 \*indicates new (not in the strategies)

- Take forward the Partnership's communications strategy, including steering group representation at local events and development of the Partnership's website
- Follow-up recommendations of the Council's review of consultation regarding engagement of harder to reach and marginalized groups
- Develop an effective means to identify and address equality issues arising from the work of the Partnership
- Recruit a housing association or trust representative to the steering group, October 2003
- Launch the Strategies Implementation Group, with representation across the clusters and regeneration partnerships, April 2003
- Hold a Regeneration Exchange event in the south of the Borough (arranged for June, on the theme of Community Safety)
- Investigate the establishment of a Community Foundation to generate sustainable income for future regeneration initiatives and projects
- Arrange further *Meet the Funder* events for voluntary organisations
- Evaluate the success against aims and targets of NRF-supported projects on completion of the three-year programme, 2001/02 – 2003/04
- Agree mechanism of targeting and allocating NRF Years 4 and 5 by lead partners\*