

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

PROGRESS TRACKER SUMMARY– LEARNING AND LEISURE

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The Kensington and Chelsea Partnership steering group agreed that a Year 1 review of the Community and Neighbourhood Renewal strategies should take place. The review should

- identify **achievements** to 31 March 2002
- identify **issues** preventing implementation of particular objectives and actions;
- identify **new opportunities** which have arisen since the production of the strategies;
- Present the **priorities** to be adopted to 31 March 2005.

The main product of the review should be:

- a completed progress tracker for each cluster with updates for each target.
- a progress tracker summary for each cluster on achievements, issues, new opportunities and priorities.
- a brief and easy to read general report covering all the clusters .

This is the Progress tracker summary for Learning and Leisure

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

- Disabled access provided at Chelsea library
- Free public Internet access available at all our libraries
- Linley Sambourne House re-opened to the public
- High educational standards achieved at Key Stage 2 and GCSE; marked improvements at Key Stage 3
- One Step re-located into Training for Skills centre (September 2003) to provide range of vocational education on one site
- Connexions One-Stop advice/guidance centre for 14-19 year olds established in North Kensington; official launch due June 2003
- City Learning Centre opened in June 2002
- Sion Manning Schools awarded specialist Arts status
- Initial proposal for new Academy for 11-18 year olds approved by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and sponsor obtained
- 14-19 Action Plan including introduction and implementation of new vocational curriculum approved by the DfES
- *Community literacy co-ordinator appointed in St Charles (linked to Barlby school); parent workshops held and support materials produced
- *Support teacher for refugees/asylum teachers appointed; home/school community links programme established and parental involvement sessions introduced.
- *The Dalgarno Community Centre was refurbished
- *The bi-lingual resources were purchased and catalogued to go on the Sure Start North West Kensington Toy & Book Bus

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ISSUES preventing implementation of particular objectives and actions

- Lift access to Notting Hill Gate library: awaiting solution that meets English Heritage approval and budgets
- Viable site for new Academy to be identified

New **OPPORTUNITIES** since 31st March 2002

- The Government has allocated to the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership an additional £1.081m from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund in 2004/05 and £1.081 million in 2005/06
- Hamlyn funded Youthbox project at Kensal library - engaging teenagers with reading
- IEG sponsored seminars bringing computer training to older people in Libraries
- London Development Agency funded Basic Skills Centre at Kensal library; this, together with existing facilities at North Kensington library aims to improve literacy, numeracy and ESOL levels amongst target groups within Golborne and St Charles wards.
- Work with Surestart in NW Kensington and Golborne. The mobile library vehicle has been converted to deliver toys, books and information for parents and children within Surestart NW Kensington. Libraries provide staffing for the project.
- LPSA targets approved for increasing school attendance, participation of young people and library usage.
- Additional funding secured for the identification, referral and tracking of young people deemed to be “at risk”
- Additional funding secured for Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)
- 14-19 Action Plan to provide opportunities for development of the vocational curriculum and closer cross-agency and partnership working

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- The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees have carried out a review of the effectiveness of public consultation procedures and practice.
- 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 Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS)

PRIORITIES to 31st March 2005 *indicates new (not in the strategies)

- * Work towards achieving LPSA targets for:
 - increasing and sustaining library usage
 - improving school attendance
 - increasing youth participation and involvement
- *Improve service to housebound in North Kensington. Agree procedure with Primary Care Trust to track hospitals and care leavers and offer library and information services to their own homes.
- Arts Strategy to be produced, approved and implementation begun
- Library Strategy to be produced, approved and implementation begun
- Maintain and improve high educational standards
- Rebuild Holland Park School and progress proposals for Academy in the south of the borough
- Implement the 14-19 Action Plan
- Improve recruitment and retention particularly in relation to the school workforce
- Ensure a clear, strategic direction for Community Education taking account of new government initiatives and children's issues
- Follow-up recommendations of the Council's review of consultation regarding engagement of harder to reach and marginalized groups