

## KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP

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### NEW LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PROPOSALS

The KCP is invited to comment on and approve draft proposed targets for inclusion in the 'interim' LAA, subject to any additional information required and/or comments from Government.

**For decision**

## 1. Introduction

1.1 At the last KCP Steering Group meeting, the partnership agreed a list of draft indicators for inclusion in the designated element of the new 'interim' LAA.

## 2. Progress since March

2.1 Since the last Steering Group meeting, lead officers have been negotiating targets against the list of indicators which were agreed by the partnership. Progress has been slow, with Government unable to agree several targets where the indicator used is new and/or will be measured in a new way. In these instances, officers have been unwilling to put possible targets forward beyond the period of the existing LAA (2008/09) since baselines cannot be confirmed at this stage. A full version of proposed targets against indicators is attached at Annex A.

2.2 Officers are proposing the withdrawal of two indicators which appeared in the draft list. These are:

NI 151 – Overall Employment Rate

NI 186 – Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area

The reasons for proposing this is set out below:

- NI 151 - The overall *unemployment* rate in the borough is low (less than 10%, data can be provided by JCP) and compares well to other London local authorities. Whilst the overall employment rate is lower than other local authorities, it should be noted that the proportion of people who are economically inactive and not wanting to seek work is also high. Evidence shows there are very high levels of affluence in the borough, which together with a high proportion of economically inactive people presents a specific local

challenge to tackling the overall employment rate. Worklessness initiatives set to be delivered in the local area during 2008/09 will focus on identifying those who are economically inactive and seeking work and this will remain a priority for the partnership, ultimately reflected in the local element of the LAA at refresh.

- NI 186 – We are required to put forward only one Climate Change indicator and officers are in favour of NI 185 – CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations, over NI 186 based on the level of influence the partnership are likely to have over any services delivered to meet this outcome. Climate Change would still remain a key priority, reflected strongly in the new Community Strategy and delivery plan which is likely to become the ultimate new LAA.

2.3 Subject to approval by the partnership, final negotiations will continue throughout May and the LAA is due to be signed off by Government in June. Steering Group members will note that some information is yet to be confirmed and officers suggest that authority to sign off the final LAA be delegated to Councillor Cockell as Chairman of the partnership. Officers would circulate the final version of targets to Steering Group members by email for approval prior to this.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The KCP is asked to note progress in negotiating a new LAA and;
- comment on and approve the draft list of targets attached at Annex A,
  - delegate authority sign off final version of LAA targets to Councillor Cockell as Chairman of the partnership, subject to circulation via email for approval.

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