

## **Kensington and Chelsea Partnership**

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### **The new Community Strategy**

This paper asks the sub group to consider and comment on the attached draft of the new Community Strategy.

**FOR APPROVAL**

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 A draft version of the new community strategy is attached at Annex A. The text is a collaborative effort on behalf of officers in the Council and the PCT, and has taken account of input from a number of partnerships and forums including the voluntary organisations forum.

1.2 The draft has been put to the Council's Management Board, Leader's Group and the Community Strategy sub group for comment. Cabinet will be asked to approval a final version at a meeting on July 24. Officers will be taking comments up to this date and the draft will then be published by the end of July for consultation up to early October.

#### 2. What's new?

2.1 While a significant proportion of the text, goals, aims and objectives remain unchanged, new developments in policy direction have been highlighted, such as "personalisation" in adult social care and ambitions concerning arts and culture.

2.2 As agreed by the sub group and Steering Group, the draft aims to take account of the new statutory requirement for community strategies to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the local area, and nationally. The introduction to the strategy sets out the overall approach to sustainability and each chapter contains a 'sustainability wheel' that demonstrates how joining up activities that deliver an aim addressing one theme can support the delivery of an aim on a different theme.

3.3 The principles of the LDF Core Strategy and the themes within the community strategy should be demonstrably aligned. Five of the seven principles of the core strategy can be accommodated within specific themed chapters, but two of these principles - 'Keeping Life Local and 'Fostering Vitality' - cut across several of the themed chapters. As agreed by the sub group and Steering Group, a text box has been included in each chapter demonstrating the link between these two principles and the relevant chapter

theme. The consultation period for the Core Strategy and the community strategy coincide, so the final version of the community strategy will be able to reflect the results of the consultation exercise on the Core Strategy. In particular, it will be important to ensure that the results of the Core Strategy consultation on a long-term vision for the borough are adequately reflected in the final community strategy. Subsequent work to revise the community strategy during or at the end of its five-year life will take account of further work on the LDF.

### 3. A draft of the new strategy

3.1 Following the developments outlined above, a draft of the new community strategy appears at Annex A. The text requires further editing to ensure consistent style and to shorten the length. In particular, Steering Group members are asked to focus attention on and suggest improvements to the overall goals within each chapter, the aims and the subsequent objectives. Specific drafting changes can be forwarded directly to officers up to July 24.

### 4. Next steps

4.1 A draft version of the strategy will be published at the end of July for consultation up to October 10. The timetable following publication for consultation will be:

- July to October 6 – consultation period
- October 10 to November 3 – final amendments from all stakeholders
- November 13 – sign off from KCP
- November 21 – sign off from Cabinet
- December 3 – sign off from Full Council

### 5. Conclusion

5.1 Steering Group members are asked to consider the content of the draft strategy as outlined above, and subject to final amendments approve for publication at the end of July.

**For approval**

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