

PRESENT

Members of the Steering Group

Councillor Merrick Cockell, (Leader of the Council (RBKC))
Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Cllr. J. M. Blakeman (The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBK&C))
Gillian Bowen (VOF Children and Young People representative)
Zrika Bralo (VOF Education and Employment representative)
Chief. Supt. Dominic Clout (Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police)
Menghi Mulchandani (VOF Disability Issues representative)
Geeta Nanda (Notting Hill Housing Group)
Dez O'Neill (VOF Arts and Culture representative)
Cllr. Nicholas Paget-Brown (RBK&C Cabinet Member)
Juliette Rawlings (RBKC TMO)
Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies)
Cllr. Shireen Ritchie (RBK&C Cabinet Member)
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health K&CP CT)
Malcolm Spalding (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce)

Others in Attendance

Asha Gupta (Governance Administrator, RBK&C)
Andrew Kenworthy (Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea PCT)
Christine Lawrence (Head of Regeneration and Partnerships, RBK&C)
Jill McNiven (Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Augustine Omara (Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and Service Improvement, RBK&C)
Rachel Smith (Partnership Support Manager, RBK&C)
Donald Rowe (LEC)
Hussain Alsowdany (LEC)
Paulo Gondim (LEC)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from The Reverend John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths) and from Derek Myers (RBK&C Town Clerk and Chief Executive).

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2005

Amendments:

Item 5, paragraph 1, line 1 should read Dez O'Neill and not Cllr Dez O'Neill.

Item 8, table, row 3 should read 22% and not 41%

Matters Arising:

Item 4, page 3 – It was agreed that the Steering Group would receive an update on the Golborne Road Study at the next Steering Group meeting

Items 8, pages 4/5 - Tony Redpath reported that he had held discussions with the Government Office for London and that compared to others the Royal Borough's Local Area Agreement (LAA) was in the advanced stage of discussions. He felt confident that proposed targets would be accepted.

Subject to the above, the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 PCT UPDATE

Andrew Kenworthy, Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea PCT gave an oral update on the PCT's programme of radical change and health care provision. Following his presentation he took questions from Steering Group Members.

4 CEN EVALUATION

Michael Bach introduced the report and invited the Steering Group to note the recommendations of the Review. Feedback on the Review from the Government Office for London would follow in late Spring 2006 and would subsequently be reported to the KCP. Members of the Steering Group made a number of observations and comments which Michael Back took on board.

Action by: *Michael Bach*

Juliette Rawlings said that the TMO would like to be a part of this review and would provide the Social Council with a mailing list of its tenants.

Action by: *Juliette Rawlings*

5 NEWS AND VIEWS

Steering Group Members reported briefly on matters of current interest. In particular it was noted that:

- Job Centre Plus (JCP) would be opening at Kensal Road in June 2006.
- A new procurement system was in place whereby small to medium sized local organisations would be notified of Council contracts coming up for tender.

- The MPA's Safer Neighbourhoods roll out would take place in April 2006 and each team will consist of one sergeant, one police constable and two PCSOs. A full roll out consisting of one sergeant, two constables and three PCSOs would be completed by April 2007.
- There was a Domestic Violence Conference at Kensington Town Hall on 15 March which Members of the Steering Group were invited to attend.
- The Government had recently published the Respect Action Plan. Members of the Steering Group felt that the KCP should discuss the issues around the Plan and how best to implement it at one of its future meetings.

6 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Councillor Cockell introduced the report and invited Members of the Steering Group for their comments. In particular it was noted that:

- Appendix 1, Environment and Transport, an additional objective, "to encourage residents to take pride in their local area and influence its betterment", should be added.
- JCP could be invited to become a Member of the Steering Group.

Tony Redpath indicated that the Council was anticipating receiving £2-4 million pounds reward grant money for meeting its LSPA targets. The Government would be providing £940,000 for the Borough to deliver its LAA targets. The Borough's proposed LAA spending programme was for £2.2 million pounds. To bridge the gap, the Council was proposing to provide £130,000 of its LSPA reward grant money to the Steering Group to deliver the Community Empowerment LAA targets.

RESOLVED-

- (i) A small Sub-Group would be formed to consider how funding could be drawn down to best support the Community Strategy objectives and LAA targets.
- (ii) The Sub-Group's terms of reference was to develop proposals to deliver the Community Empowerment LAA targets.
- (iii) Dominic Clout, Melanie Smith, Juliette Rawlings, Michael Bach, Cllr Judith Blakeman and Malcolm Spalding agreed to become Members of the Sub-Group.
- (iv) Melanie Smith agreed to provide officer support and would convene the first meeting.

Action by: Melanie Smith

7 OPDM CONSULTATION - LSPs: SHAPING THEIR FUTURE

Councillor Merrick Cockell introduced the item.

RESOLVED-

- (i) The Steering Group would submit a collectively agreed response to the consultation.
- (ii) The Steering Group agreed the process for responding to the consultation as outlined in paragraph 3 of the report.

***Action by:** Tony Redpath*

8 FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

It was noted that meetings would be held during 2006 on Wednesday 15 March, 17 May, 5 July, 13 September and 15 November.

The meeting ended at 7.37pm