

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP

13th September 2006

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROPOSALS

This paper invites the KCP Steering Group to:

- agree proposals for the use of Community Empowerment money, to recommend to the Council.

FOR DECISION

1. Background

- 1.1 The Community Empowerment sub group was given the task of developing proposals for the use of money that the Council has set aside for community empowerment activity.
- 1.2 At the last meeting, the Steering Group agreed to the following proposals, which will now be put forward to the Council for final approval;
 - £19,870 to be allocated to fund the 'Community Engagement Skills' training course for a trial period in 2006/7. It will be reviewed to see if it should be considered for further funding.
 - £3,000 to be allocated to the 'Support Small Businesses' seminars.

2. Support for organisations

- 2.1 The Local Area Agreement included a commitment to explore a new measurement to capture how effectively clients of voluntary organisations are empowered to have a greater voice and influence over local decision-making and the delivery of services.
- 2.2 The sub group have proposed a new indicator to measure progress against this commitment. This indicator is;
 - % of community/voluntary organisations and residents/tenants associations who agree that their service users and members can feed into and influence decision making by the Council, police and the local NHS.
- 2.3 The sub group propose that a postal survey be carried out to establish success against this indicator. This would involve an initial survey in order to establish a baseline figure, then up to 2 subsequent surveys, over the 3 years of the LAA, in order to measure success.

2.4 The sub group are proposing to commission an external organisation to carry out the survey. Members of the sub group will work on the detail of the survey such as developing appropriate questions. The approximate cost for carrying out three surveys is £20,000.

2.5 Steering Group members are asked to approve this recommendation.

3. Future work

3.1 The sub group are developing a proposal to support local organisations in order that they can better enable their users and members to influence local decision-making. This proposal requires further consideration. The sub group will present this and any other proposals to the Steering Group for approval at the next meeting in November 2006.

4. Conclusion

4.1 In summary, the Steering Group are asked to note the content of the report and consider and agree the following recommendation;

- £20,000 be allocated to carrying out a survey that will measure progress against a new proposed indicator, detailed in paragraph 2.

For decision

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