

# KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP

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## LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT - UPDATE

This paper updates the KCP Steering Group on:

- The LAA 6 month review process with Government office for London
- The LAA refresh process

**FOR INFORMATION**

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The KCP negotiated a Local Area Agreement (LAA) with government in March 2006. The LAA contains mandatory outcomes that we have to include in the agreement, and voluntary outcomes that were selected on the basis of local priorities. Some of these voluntary targets contain a stretch in performance that if we succeed in achieving, will attract money in the form of performance reward grant.
- 1.2 The LAA in Kensington and Chelsea currently contains 16 outcomes, 3 mandatory, 12 voluntary 'stretch' outcomes and 1 voluntary outcome, which does not contain a stretch element.
- 1.3 The LAA is a three year agreement and overall performance will be measured at the end of that period in order to determine how much performance reward grant will be awarded. Government has a commitment to review LAAs on a 6 monthly basis to determine how well they are progressing locally. LAAs are also 'refreshed' on an annual basis which allows partnerships an opportunity to add or make amendments to existing agreements.

### 2. LAA review

- 2.1 Government office for London (GoL) met with council officers in December 2006 to discuss progress against each of the LAA outcomes. A copy of the progress report that was sent to GoL is attached at **ANNEX A** for information.
- 2.2 Steering Group members are asked to consider if they want to continue to receive a detailed report as attached at ANNEX A, or if they would prefer to receive a summarised version.

- 2.3 GoL provisionally evaluated current overall progress against outcomes stated in the LAA as 'Green'. This means that most outcomes are on track to being achieved and where there are problems there are measures in place to address in challenges or difficulties. A copy of the evaluation report is attached at **ANNEX B** for information.

### **3. LAA refresh**

- 3.1. The annual refresh is an opportunity to add new outcomes to the LAA or amend any existing outcomes where possible. Officers maintained the KCP Steering Group's position that no new outcomes ought to be included in the LAA unless they are mandatory.
- 3.2 Government determined some new mandatory outcomes that now need to be included in the LAA and additionally, some funding streams that now need to be included in the LAA along with mandatory outcomes attached to those. A copy of the refresh template is attached at **ANNEX C**.
- 3.3 The new mandatory outcomes for the LAA appear on ANNEX C under the title 'Mandatory Outcomes (as per LAA guidance). The only 'brand new' outcome is the first relating to health inequalities:

Improve Health and reduce health inequalities

- 3.4 The other mandatory outcomes already appeared in the LAA as Outcomes 1,2 and 3 but now carry new mandatory indicators that we have to measure progress against. These are detailed in the template under section 1 along with baseline data and proposed targets for achievement in 2007/08 and 2008/09.
- 3.5 There are two new mandatory outcomes that refer to funding streams that now have to be included in the LAA. The indicators and funding streams are:

Reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling - Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant

Be Healthy - School Travel Advisors Grant

These outcomes are also detailed in the template under section 1 with indicators, baseline data and proposed targets for achievement for 2007/08 and 2008/09. The funding streams are detailed in section 3 of the template.

- 3.6 GoL will provide feedback on the template proposals in January 2007 and the agreement will need to be finalised and signed off by March 2007.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 In summary, the Steering Group are invited to note and comment on the detail above relating to the LAA 6 month review process and the annual refresh process.

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