

**KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP
MEETING ON 23RD MAY 2002**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

CHECKLIST OF PROGRESS WITH THE ACCREDITATION ACTION PLAN

This report informs the Steering Group of progress with items from the Accreditation Action Plan that are due in May 2002.

FOR INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In February 2002 the Partnership Steering Group achieved accreditation from the Government Office for London (GOL).
- 1.2 The Accreditation Submission incorporated a Self Assessment and Action Plan reviewing the Steering Group's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the following 6 criteria set by GOL. That:
- They are effective, representative and capable of playing a strategic role
 - They actively involve all the key players, including the public, private, community and voluntary sectors
 - They have established genuine common priorities and targets and agreed actions and milestones leading to demonstrable improvements against measurable baselines
 - Members (organisations) have aligned their performance management systems, aims and objectives, criteria and process to the aims and objectives of the LSP
 - It reduces, not adds to, the bureaucratic burden
 - It builds on best practice from successful partnerships by drawing on experiences of local and regional structures, and national agencies.
- 1.3 The action points that are due by May 2002 are shown below, with a summary of progress made. Progress on action points due after this date will be reported to future Steering Group meetings.

2. PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY 2002

- 2.1 **Objective:** *to resolve the issue of the Council's political representation on the Steering Group.*
Action:
- Leader of the Council to resolve this with the Leader of the Minority Party.

Progress

An oral report on the current state of play will be given at the meeting as part of agenda item 3.

2.2 Objective: to improve the transparency of decision making.

Action:

- Officer Working Group to commission a communications strategy for the LSP from one of those partners (local authority, health, police) which have public relations departments. (To be commissioned by March 2002 and in place by May 2002)

Progress

The first phase of the communications plan is now in place. The Steering Group, at its March meeting, agreed to set up the wider Kensington and Chelsea Partnership. The partnership, membership of which is open to anyone with an interest in the Borough, is the key tool for ensuring that information about plans, strategies and decisions are freely available and widely communicated. Membership now stands at about 150 and is growing daily.

The second phase of the plan is to ensure that the various elements and groups that make up the complete partnership (the Steering Group, Partners in Progress etc.) establish clear lines of communication and accountability. This will be developed at the proposed Steering Group away day (see agenda item 5).

2.3 Objective: to develop a plan for community involvement in the LSP.

Action:

- Steering Group to consider further in the light of evidence of community involvement in the CS and NRS consultation.

Progress

The Kensington and Chelsea Partnership, noted in 2.2, will be key to ensuring the on-going involvement of the wider community. Members of the partnership will be kept informed of new developments and of way in which they can become actively involved.

The CS and NRS consultation told us that people living in the target northern wards wanted specific involvement in the development of NRS Action Plan. It is proposed that a number of well publicised workshops are held in these wards toward the end of June. These will also test out interest in setting up an on-going NRS forum for residents. The emphasis being on how local people can be involved in renewing their neighbourhood.

The Borough Conference (being held on November 2nd) is being developed in the light of feedback from previous consultation and is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

2.4 Objective: to develop performance management measures for racial equality.

Action:

- Officer Working Group to commission a racial equality audit of LSP work to date to establish baseline and set performance management measures. (To be commissioned by May 2002 and completed by November 2002).

Progress

Although the Steering Group discussed the component of its Terms of Reference which deals with equalities issues at its meeting in March, it did not agree a suitable form of words. A further discussion is to take place under agenda item 11. Subject to agreement on this aspect of the Terms of

Reference officers will then take forward the commissioning of the audit. In doing so, they may wish to draw upon the views and expertise of Steering Group members.

2.5 **Objective:** to clarify accountability for delivering the CS and NRS.

Action:

- Steering Group to consider accountability for delivering the CS.

Progress

To be addressed alongside the accountability issues at the proposed away day (see agenda item 5).

2.6 **Objective:** to ensure that all partners sign up to the CS and NRS.

Action:

- Council, PCT, police, Social Councils, VOF, Faith Forum representatives to report back to next Steering Group meeting on endorsement by their organisations.

Progress

A separate report under agenda item 6 addresses this matter.

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Background Papers used in the Preparation of this Report: Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Accreditation Self-Assessment and Action Plan - January 2002.

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