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

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

This report informs readers of the current membership of the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Steering Group (referred to in this report as 'the Steering Group').

FOR INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20th March 2002 the Steering Group agreed that the final four places on the Steering Group should be filled as follows:
 - A nominee from the Learning and Skills Council, representing Strategic Training Providers.
 - A nominee from the local Chamber of Commerce, representing local business.
 - A further nominee from the Voluntary Organisations Forum to replace one
 of the places previously occupied by the Acting Director of Notting Hill
 Social Council, once the merger of the Social Councils had taken Place.
 - A nominee from the Kensington and Chelsea Residents' Association.
- 1.2 All of the above vacancies have now been filled. The full membership is listed below. Membership is spread across the Business, Public, Voluntary and Community Sectors.

2. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The membership is as follows (* indicates that members that are local residents):

The Business Sector		
Business Representative (1 seat)	Mr Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce* (new)	

The Public Sector		
A Strategic Training Provider (1 seat)	Mr Don McBean, Team Leader for Strategic Partnerships, the Learning and Skills Council (new)	
The Council (3 seats)	 Councillor Merrick Cockell (Chairman), Leader of the Council* Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Community Safety and External Relations* Councillor Thomas Fairhead, Cabinet Member for Housing* 	
The Local Health Service (1 seat)	Paul Haigh, Chief Executive of the Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust	
The Police (1 seat)	Moir Stewart, Borough Commander	

The Voluntary and Community Sector		
Local Residents (2 seats)	 Ms Celia Rees-Jenkins, the Kensington and Chelsea Societies* (new) Ms Pat Deacon, the Kensington and Chelsea Residents' Association* (new) 	
Local Faith Groups (1 seat)	The Reverend John E Davis, the Forum of Faiths	
The Social Council (1 seat)	Ms Kate Aldous, Director of Kensington and Chelsea Social Council	
The Voluntary Organisations Forum (VOF) (4 seats)	 Mr Dez O'Neil, VOF representative for Children and Young People (Local Resident)* Ms Zrinka Bralo, VOF representative for Education and Employment Ms Karin Woodley, VOF representative for Arts and Culture Ms Menghi Mulchandani* (new) 	

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference and Governance Arrangements have been updated accordingly and are the subject of a separate report under agenda item 11.
- 3.2 Paragraph 4.1 from that report states 'A total of 15 members with a target that at least eight will be local residents.' This requirement has been fulfilled.

4. NEXT STEPS

4.1 The membership of the Steering Group has been the subject of considerable discussion both prior to, and following accreditation in February. This venture is still relatively new (and less than a year old) and for some members this will

be their first meeting. The Steering Group may now wish to enter into a period of stability.

- 4.2 Subject to the resolution of the issues set out in paragraph 5.1 a) below, it is proposed that future changes to the composition of the Steering Group should be approached as follows. The Terms of Reference and Governance arrangements have been updated accordingly, and the corresponding paragraph reference is given in brackets.
 - Members of the Steering group will be appointed for a duration to be determined by their nominating/appointing organisation/group but ideally for not less than two years. (Para 4.2)
 - Each year there will be a session of the Borough Conference at which
 members of the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership can debate and
 discuss the size and membership of the Steering Group. A report of this
 discussion will be considered at the next meeting of the Steering Group
 and the group will be invited to decide whether any changes to its
 membership should be made. The Steering Group will be accountable to
 the Partnership for its decision. (Para 4.3)
 - All existing seats will be secure for a period of no less than two years from the date of appointment. (Para 4.4)
- 4.3 The Steering Group will be asked to approve the revised Terms of Reference and Governance arrangements under agenda item 11.

5. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

- 5.1 At the meeting of the Steering Group on 20th March 2002 it was agreed:
 - a) That the Council should resolve the matter of Labour Group membership after the elections have taken place and the new Cabinet has been appointed in May. An oral report on the current state of play will be given at the meeting.
 - b) That suggestions for more business representation and some health (patient-side) representation on the Steering Group be revisited along with other membership issues, in due course.

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