

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

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

‘THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY’ - FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

This report introduces the final draft of the Community Strategy, outlining the key changes that have been made since this document was last presented to the Steering Group.

FOR APPROVAL

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Statutory guidance on the production of community strategies stresses the importance of securing effective partnership working in developing and implementing community strategies, and suggests that the responsibility for doing so should rest with local strategic partnerships.
- 1.2 Under the Council's constitution the community strategy forms part of the policy and budgetary framework of the council, and the final version needs to be ‘approved and adopted’ by the full Council.
- 1.3 The process for approving the Kensington and Chelsea strategy accordingly involves both the Council and the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Steering Group.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 20th March 2002 the Steering Group considered a report of the findings of the consultation on the draft Community Strategy. A revised draft has now been written in response to the key consultation findings and is attached for approval.

2. SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS

- 2.1 The main revisions fall into one or more of the following categories:
 - a. Changes in light of the consultation findings or further comments that came after the consultation exercise.
 - b. Changes in light of an updated strategy (e.g. the recently updated Community Safety Strategy and the latest HIMP).
 - c. Changes in light of developments in the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership.

- 2.2 The table below outlines the most substantive revisions by section. All changes since the last draft are also highlighted in the main document for ease of reference.

Section	Revision type	Amendments now incorporated
Contents	a.	Reference to the UDP (the Council's statutory land-use plan) which also provides a framework for engaging local people in the way their communities might grow and change.
Foreword	a.	Invitation to join the Wider Partnership and attend the Borough Conference.
Your future; your vision	a.	Highlighting that the document includes an honest account of what is achievable in the short term and what we can work towards over the longer term. The document has been reinforced throughout with additional commentary about achievability.
Environment and Transport	a. b.	Increased reference to the development of green space. Has been revised in light of the agreed Environmental Services delivery plan.
Health and well-being	b.	Has been revised in light of the new Health Improvement Plan.
Homes and Housing	a.	Increased reference to the competing pressures of high housing need versus current density levels. Removal of double-counting in figures relating to new housing development.
Learning and Leisure	a.	Increased reference to the Leisure aspect. A reference to the vocational aspect of Education and Training.
Safe Communities	a. b.	Acknowledges local people's desire to see more police on the street, whilst being honest about what can and cannot be done. Has been updated in light of the new Community Safety Strategy.
Work and Business	a.	Includes a reference about what the Council is doing to protect local shops.
Delivering through partnership	c.	Has been updated in light of the new Steering Group membership.
Become a 'Friend of the Royal Borough'	c.	New section incorporates application form encouraging people to join the wider Partnership.

- 2.3 Amendments previously made to this document in light of comments made by the Steering Group at their meeting on 20th January remain unaffected by these additional changes.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 Subject to approval of this final draft by the Steering Group, and any further minor and drafting amendments, the Community Strategy will be submitted to Council for final approval and adoption on 26th June.

4. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Steering Group is **recommended** to approve the final draft of the Community Strategy, subject to any further minor and drafting amendments, for submission to Council on 26th June.

FOR APPROVAL

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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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