

**KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP  
MEETING – 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2002**

**REPORT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STEERING GROUP**

**USE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING 2002/03 & 2003/04**

This report provides details of the changes made to the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) spending programme following comments made at the last meeting.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Steering Group considered a report at its last meeting on the proposed use of NRF funding in 2002/03 and 2003/04. The inter agency Neighbourhood Renewal Steering Group (NRSG) was asked to have further discussions with voluntary sector representatives on the KCP Steering Group and, if necessary, revise the spending programme. The NRSG were also asked to provide an information report to this meeting of the KCP Steering Group on the outcome of these discussions.

**2. DETAILS**

- 2.1 To help keep the KCP Steering Group up to date with developments on this matter and to offer an opportunity for further comment, a letter, setting out the outcome of discussions with voluntary sector representatives, was circulated to all Members of the Group on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2002. Councillors Blakeman and Cunningham, who had asked to be kept informed, were also sent a copy of the letter at the same time. The following extract from the letter sets out the changes to the programme that were proposed following discussions with voluntary sector representatives.

“That meeting has now taken place and three voluntary sector representatives were able to attend. It was productive and there was very close consideration of all the proposed projects and, where necessary, recommendations for increasing voluntary sector involvement were made. It was also thought that funds should be found to help meet the costs of a capacity building project designed to help ensure that the voluntary sector is able to play a full part in neighbourhood renewal. It was agreed to set aside £70k for this project spread over this and next year. To finance this, small reductions were made in the sums originally allocated for reducing domestic burglary and the economic development fund. It was also agreed to use funds set aside in the new initiatives fund for this project.”

- 2.2 Members of the KCP Steering Group were asked for any comments on these changes before 3<sup>rd</sup> May so that they could be taken into account before Councillor Paget Brown took a key Council decision to approve the revised programme. No adverse comments were received by 3<sup>rd</sup> May and so the necessary steps are now being taken, within the Council, for Councillor Paget Brown to approve the revised programme as soon as possible so that the funding can start to be released.
- 2.3 Further copies of the revised programme, that were attached to the letter sent to all KCP Steering Group Members and Councillors Cunningham and Paget Brown, can be made available on request.

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**Background Papers used in the Preparation of this Report:** Council file on NRF funding.

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