**KENSINGTON & CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP
MEETING ON 17TH JULY 2002**

REPORT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT – PROGRESS REPORT

At its last meeting the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Steering Group was given the details of the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) that the Council proposes to enter into with Government and it was invited to comment on work done to develop targets.

This report updates the Steering Group on some rule changes that Government has made and on efforts made to raise awareness of the initiative across the voluntary sector.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The LPSA will eventually require 12 or 13 stretch targets and the last report to the Steering Group set out a "long list" of 19 potential targets formulated on the back of the consultation for the preparation of the Community Strategy. The 19 were also chosen to ensure the Council could comply with the rather prescriptive rules for the LPSA, which have since been tightened even further.

1.2 Clearly many of these draft targets would benefit from the input of the voluntary sector and since the last meeting a number of steps have been taken to both inform and engage voluntary organisations.

2. RULE CHANGES

2.1 Originally Government had specified that there must be one target on Education, one on Health and Social Services, another from either of these two categories, one on Transportation and one on Cost-effectiveness. The Council could choose which one it wanted in each category, from a list of national targets.

2.2 The new rules substitute a Crime Reduction target for the extra one from Education and Health and Social Services and, instead of the Council being able to choose, Government will **propose** the five targets, although not the extent to which the Council must stretch. The likely exception to this is Social Services where, because of the excellent performance of the department (it has been awarded 3 stars on inspection), the Council has earned the freedom to choose its own target.

3. ENGAGEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

3.1 Since the last Steering Group meeting The Kensington and Chelsea Social Council issued a briefing to voluntary organisations and arranged a meeting for those who wanted an opportunity for more detailed discussion. Seven voluntary organisations attended this meeting with the Assistant Chief Executive on 29th May. Further briefings took place at the Voluntary Organisations Forum on 11th June (around 40 organisations were represented) and at the Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group meeting on 25th June where all parts of the voluntary sector were represented. In addition a meeting was held with a number of the key Registered Social Landlords operating in the borough on 22nd May.

3.2 On all of these occasions voluntary organisations and Registered Social Landlords have been advised of the long list of targets and encouraged to contact the Target Leader responsible for the development of each one if they require clarification or if there are practical contributions they feel they could make to achieving the target. Some of the Target Leaders have also made direct contact with voluntary organisations that they believe can offer support for their targets.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Because the rules of the LPSA are so prescriptive, the Council's choices over what is included in the final agreement will be limited. However efforts will continue throughout both the development and delivery phases to ensure that where possible and appropriate the voluntary sector plays a part in target delivery.

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Background Papers used in the Preparation of this Report: Letter dated 10th May 2002 from Richard Gibson of DTLR entitled "**IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL PSAS**"*(Add public background papers as necessary).*

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