

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP

19TH NOVEMBER 2003

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOLLOW-UP

This paper :

Proposes a number of actions to follow-up from the presentation and discussion on the Environment at the last steering group meeting on 17th September. Some of the proposed actions could involve organisational change for individual partners and some are actions the partnership can take as a whole. Members of the steering group are asked to decide which of the proposed actions to approve and whether they can commit the necessary resources to their delivery.

FOR DECISION

1. Background

At its meeting of 17th September 2003, the KCP steering group revisited the Community Strategy, focussing on the objectives in the Environment and Transport chapter to explore where the partnership could 'add value'. The group made a number of suggestions for how they could work together to improve the environment. These are recorded in the minutes and fell under the categories of Open Spaces, Recycling, Traffic and Transportation. Other issues that emerged during the discussions were: Sustainable Development, the role of Youth, and Environmental Awareness generally.

In order to move forward on the suggestions made at the last meeting and help achieve the objectives in the Community Strategy, members of the Partnership are requested to approve the proposals and actions outlined below. Those responsible for taking the actions forward are ***suggested in bold italics***.

Steering group members should note that one of the Terms of Reference of the Partnership is: "To lobby central and regional government on issues of concern to the Partnership". Individual partners however may wish to refer back to their own membership before committing to some of the following joint actions.

The following actions are proposed:

2. Open Spaces

2.1 Approach lead officers in the council working on 'Hear by Right' and the Youth Forum to explore how environmental issues, especially graffiti, litter, vandalism and civic pride, can be raised and debated

Action: Helen Kay/Tony Redpath/Mark Bennet (cluster co-ordinator)

2.2 Approach lead officers from Partner organisations working on 'Junior Citizen' to see how information on environmental issues, especially graffiti, litter, vandalism and civic pride, can be provided for their events.

Action: Helen Kay/Mark Bennett

3. Recycling

3.1 Each partner to investigate what their Purchasing managers, office managers or equivalents are already doing regarding Recycling and 'green purchasing', and whether performance could be improved. Partners to report back to the steering group meeting in March 2004.

Action: Individual Partners and cluster co-ordinators

4. Traffic and Transportation

4.1 K&C Partnership to write to the Mayor of London and Angie Bray, the local GLA representative, to request that the whole borough be included in any proposed extension to the congestion charging zone.

Action: Helen Kay

4.2 K&C Partnership to write to the Mayor of London to request that the proposed Chelsea-Hackney line be routed through the south of the borough and that the timetable be brought forward (from scheduled date of 2016).

Action: Helen Kay

4.3 K&C Partnership to write to TfL and the Strategic Rail Authority to emphasise the need for extra stations on West London line, particularly in North Kensington

Action: Helen Kay

5. Sustainable Development and Environmental Awareness

5.1 The Community Strategy states that: "we will influence change by.....encouraging and helping partners to undertake a programme of environmental awareness for staff". (page 7) No co-ordinated progress has been made on this objective. Therefore:

5.1.1 Each partner organisation to nominate key persons (such as Head of Training and Head of Purchasing) to attend a course on Sustainable Development (including Environmental Awareness) with a view to rolling out a programme for their own staff.

Action: All Partners

5.1.2 This should be part of a learning programme under 'Skills and Knowledge' cluster for key staff in all partner organisations running from January 2004 to Dec 2005. The learning programme to include issues of Disability and Race Equalities.

Action: Menghi Mulchandani/ Karin Woodley/ Helen Kay/ Jill McNiven