

## **PRESENT**

### **Members of the Steering Group**

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Leader of the Council, RBKC)  
Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)  
Cllr. J. M. Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBK&C)  
Gillian Bowen (VOF Children and Young People representative)  
The Reverend John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths)  
Menghi Mulchandani (VOF Disability Issues representative)  
Dez O'Neill (VOF Arts and Culture representative)  
Cllr. Nicholas Paget-Brown (RBK&C Cabinet Member)  
Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies)  
Cllr. Shireen Ritchie (RBK&C Cabinet Member)  
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health K&CP CT)  
Malcolm Spalding (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce)

### **Others in Attendance**

Councillor Miss Barbara Campbell (Pembroke Ward, RBK&C)  
Councillor Keith Cunningham (Colville Ward, RBK&C)  
Councillor Dr Iain Hanhan (Brompton Ward, RBK&C)  
Councillor Pat Mason (Golborne Ward, RBK&C)  
Richard Craig (Senior Urban Designer, RBK&C)  
Mike French (Executive Director of Planning and Conservation, RBK&C)  
Asha Gupta (Governance Administrator, RBK&C)  
Supt. Mike Howard (Substituting the Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police)  
Neil Johnston (Director, Paddington Development Trust)  
Christine Lawrence (Head of Regeneration and Partnerships, RBK&C)  
Jill McNiven (Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)  
Derek Myers (Town Clerk & Chief Executive, RBK&C)  
Cheryl Rose (Assistant Locality Manager, GOL)  
Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and Service Improvement, RBK&C)  
Rachel Smith (Partnership Support Manager, RBK&C)  
Nadia Bellot (The Space KC)  
Mary Kuper (Resident)  
Deborah McGahey (The Space KC)

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Chief. Supt. Dominic Clout (Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police) and Geeta Nanda (Notting Hill Housing Group).

## **2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2006**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition of The Reverend John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths) under apologies for absence.

### **Matters Arising:**

The Community Strategy Sub-Group was meeting on 24 May to look at the future working arrangements of the KCP. It would present its proposals to the next Steering Group meeting.

*Action by: Rachel Smith*

Michael Bach said that the Steering Group was consulted on a number of initiatives and documents and should receive a report or update on outcomes and conclusions.

Tony Redpath reported that the Community Strategy Monitoring Plan was at the proofreading stage and would be published by the end of the month.

Dr Melanie Smith reported that the Community Empowerment Sub-Group had had its second meeting and planned to bring its proposals to the next Steering Group meeting.

*Action by: Dr Melanie Smith*

## **3 GOLBORNE ROAD STUDY**

Mike French, Executive Director of Planning and Conservation gave an oral update on the Golborne Road Study. He apologised for the delay and said that the consultants final report had been submitted to the Council and would be considered by Councillor Daniel Moylan, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Highways before coming to the Steering Group.

In response to a question by Gillian Bowen, Mike French said that the study was commissioned because the Mayor of London identified Golborne Road in his list of top 100 areas for improvement. The Council had commissioned BDP to consult residents, tourists, traders and businesses on how Golborne Road could be maintained as a vibrant street. Gillian Bowen added that some of the feedback she had received had said that the first question in the consultation should have been if a study or review was required.

The Steering Group heard that extensive consultation had been carried out through organised public meetings, face-to-face interviews and random on-street interviews. The Golborne Road bridge and square were included in the Study as it was felt that they would be an integral part of any improvement plan. Once the report was published, any proposals and recommendations would go out to consultation.

In his concluding remarks, Mr French said that he felt 'sorry that local residents felt suspicious about the study' and that it was commissioned to promote a positive and safer environment for those that lived in, worked in or visited the area.

#### **4 PADDINGTON DEVELOPMENT TRUST - CREATIVE HUB**

Neil Johnson, Director, Paddington Development Trust gave a presentation on Creative London Westside. A copy of the slides has been placed on the Minute Book. Following his presentation he took questions from Members of the Steering Group.

Councillor Paget-Brown felt that the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre could be a key stakeholder in the Westside Creative Hub plan and that Little Wormwood Scrubs could be an opportunity for the 2012 Olympics.

Maps were being produced to inform visitors on what was available in the Westside Creative Hub and would be marketed in hotels, transport hubs, bars and cafes. Promotion work was also being undertaken with Visit London.

Councillor Cockell thanked Mr Johnston for his presentation.

#### **5 NEWS AND VIEWS**

##### **Report from Jed Davis on Sabbatical**

Jed Davis gave an oral report on his sabbatical in which he had chosen to study religious education and interfaith relationships. As part of his study he had visited Chicago and Washington DC.

##### **Report from Gillian Bowen on Peer Research Project**

Gillian Bowen, Space KC introduced the item. Nadia Bellot and Deborah McGahey gave a presentation on a piece of peer group research they had undertaken on young people's attitudes to drugs, sex and relationships. A copy of the slides has been placed on the Minute Book and a full copy of the report is available from Rachel Smith. Following the presentation Steering Group members were given the opportunity to ask questions. In particular it was noted that:

- Young people were aware of the problem of drinks being spiked but the subject had not been a part of this particular project.
- The peer group research found that young people needed a reliable and accurate source of information on sex, drugs and relationships. Space KC was working with local schools (private and state) to deliver tailored teaching sessions around this area. They also ran parent information sessions and young fathers' groups.

Councillor Cockell thanked Space KC for their presentation.

Steering Group members reported briefly on matters of current interest. In particular it was noted that:

- The launch of 'Inclusive Kensington and Chelsea' was held in the Mayor's Parlour on April 19 and was a very successful event. Copies of

the full report and executive summary were tabled at the meeting and a copy has been placed on the Minute Book.

- Job Centre Plus's target date for opening was the first week of July. Mark Harris would be the new manager.
- Malcolm Spalding said that he had attended the London Development Agency's seminar on Residents' Training Needs and was happy to forward a copy of the report to Steering Group Members.
- There would be a second round of Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) bidding and the Royal Borough was exploring the possibility of submitting a joint bid with Hammersmith and Fulham and/or Westminster City Council.
- North Kensington Opportunities Centre would be closing down.
- Councillor Paget-Brown felt that the Steering Group was too desk bound and should undertake visits and see good examples of partnership working.
- The PCT was putting in a lottery bid to promote 'Healthy Lifestyles'. Dr Melanie Smith was part of the group putting in the bid and asked the Steering Group to let her know of any projects that could be included. She would email full details to all Steering Group members.

*Action by: Dr Melanie Smith*

## **6 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) - DISTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT**

Tony Redpath introduced the report and invited Steering Group Members to give their views and comments.

Councillor Ritchie felt that the Steering Group should be aware of the cost to the Council for administering the LAA even if there was no intention to recover the costs. Councillor Cockell said that the Council would keep an on-going tally of costs it incurs.

*Action by: Tony Redpath*

Mr Redpath would find out why there was such a lengthy delay between the end of the agreement and payment of the reward grant.

*Action by: Tony Redpath*

RESOLVED-

- (i) that any Performance Reward Grant received by the Council for successful delivery of the targets in the LAA should be distributed as follows:
  - (a) 50% to the lead partner responsible for delivering that outcome; and

- (b) 50% to be placed in a fund to support the delivery of future improvement targets.
- (ii) that the KCP Steering Group should manage the fund created to support the delivery of future improvement targets, subject to the Council's fiduciary duties as the accountable body.
- (iii) that the Steering Group should receive performance reports once a year. Reports should provide a summary of progress against each of the outcomes and detailed performance data on any associated targets where progress is slipping.

*Action by: Jessie Hamshar*

## **7 FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES**

It was noted that meetings would be held during 2006 on Wednesday 5 July, 13 September and 15 November.

The meeting ended at 7.11pm