

## **PRESENT**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Leader of the Council, RBK&C)  
Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)  
Councillor Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBK&C)  
Gillian Bowen (VOF Children and Young People representative)  
The Reverend John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths)  
Chief. Supt. Dominic Clout (Borough Commander, MPA)  
Don McBean (Partnership Manager, Learning and Skills Council - London Central)  
Menghi Mulchandani (VOF Disability Issues representative)  
Councillor. Nicholas Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member for Regeneration,  
Environmental Management and Leisure)  
Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies)  
Juliette Rawlings (Chairman, TMO Board)  
Cllr. Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services)  
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health K&C PCT)

### **Others in Attendance**

Councillor Barbara Campbell  
Asha Gupta (Governance Services, RBK&C)  
Derek Myers (Town Clerk and Chief Executive, RBK&C)  
Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and Service Improvement, RBK&C)  
Christine Lawrence (Head of Regeneration and Partnerships, RBK&C)  
Melanie Mashman (Consultation and Outreach Officer, RBK&C)  
Steve McCormack (Planning officer, RBK&C)  
Augustine Omara (Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)  
Rachel Smith (KCP Support Manager, RBK&C)

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

Zrinka Bralo, (VOF Education and Employment representative),  
Geeta Nanda (Notting Hill Housing Group)  
Dez O'Neill (VOF Arts and Culture representative)  
Malcolm Spalding (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of  
Commerce)

## **2 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2006**

The notes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising**

### Golborne Road Study

The full BDP report was now available on the Royal Borough website. A web link would be emailed to all Steering Group members.

*Action by: Rachel Smith*

## **3 Local Development Framework (LDF)**

Mr Steve McCormack gave an oral presentation on the Local Development Framework. He tabled a diagram (a copy has been placed in the Minute Book) illustrating that the LDF is a folder of development documents that outlines how local planning will be managed. He added that the new planning system was complex, onerous and process driven.

In respect of the Draft Statement of Community Involvement, Dr Melanie Smith asked how many responses had been received and where they were largely from? Mr McCormack drew attention to Appendix Two of the document which listed the organisations involved. He added that there was an obligation to consult and that some questions got more responses than others.

In response to Michael Bach's question, Mr McCormack said that Cllr Moylan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning Policy, Housing Policy and Transportation, would be taking a Key Decision at each stage the development document was ready to be submitted to the Government for inspection.

In response to Menghi Mulchandani's questions on the Access Design Guide, Mr McCormack said that he was happy to give feedback on why some of the recommendations streaming from the consultation had not be accepted. Other Members of the Steering Group were also interested in hearing the feedback and it was agreed that, if necessary, a small meeting of interested parties could be arranged to facilitate this. Steering Group members were to contact Mr McCormack to register interest in the first instance.

Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown asked what was the expected lifespan of the LDF and how would it be monitored? Mr McCormack replied that due to the length of time it was taking to produce the local development documents the lifetime of the LDF was 2008-2020 and that a combination of Government indicators and locally set indicators will be used to monitor performance.

## **4 Re-Structuring the KCP**

Councillor Merrick Cockell introduced the item.

RESOLVED:

a) That the following amendment be made to Paragraph 2.1 of the Terms of Reference attached at Annex A of the report "Membership should be

maintained between 16 and 18 members, of which at least 50% should be local residents."

b) That subject to the above amendment the New Terms of Reference is adopted;

c) That the Learning and Skills Council continue to hold a seat on the Partnership;

d) That each chapter of the Community Strategy will be linked to a 'theme group'; and

e) That the 'theme groups' outlined in paragraph 4.1 and 4.2 of the report are agreed.

***Action by: Rachel Smith***

## **5 Community Empowerment**

### Community Empowerment Indicators

Melanie Marshman introduced the report on Community Empowerment Indicators. The following amendment to the report was made:

Paragraph 4.3.1, line three "27 per cent of panel members felt that police involved local people". 16 per cent was the figure for last year.

The Steering Group heard that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets on Community Empowerment will be measured through responses to the Residents' Panel Survey. The May 2006 Survey asked "do residents feel local bodies involve local people in decision making". The LAA target was set for a six per cent increase over the next three years.

Councillor Paget-Brown felt that each respondent would have a different definition of what "involvement in local decision making" meant to them and stated the following three examples:

- 1) have local people been consulted on decisions;
- 2) have local people been encouraged to participate in decision-making;  
and
- 3) have local people been informed of decisions.

Councillor Blakeman felt that the make up of the Residents' Panel was not representative of the local community.

Chief Superintendent Dominic Clout felt that a distinction should be drawn between the local Police and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and asked that the wording in the next survey be changed to reflect that.

***Action by: Melanie Marshman***

## Community Empowerment Proposals

Dr Melanie Smith thanked Melanie Marshman for her technical advice on the Community Empowerment Indicators. She felt that the indicators were not perfect but that they were measurable and invited members of the Sub-Group to be involved in the designing of the next questionnaire. She went on to introduce the Community Empowerment Proposals Report.

In respect of Paragraph 2.2, Mr Myers said that "% of community/voluntary organisation" has been deliberately left vague in order to first obtain a baseline figure.

Some members of the Steering Group raised disquiet over spending £20,000 on a survey when there was uncertainty on how useful the information collected would be. In response, Dr Melanie Smith said that the Sub Group had considered the value for money element but felt that the work needed to be undertaken and that if there was a low response rate then the survey would be discontinued.

Councillor Cockell asked if it was possible to work with other local organisations that were also surveying and share out the costs. Dr Melanie Smith thought this was possible but was not aware of any other surveys happening. Juliet Rawlings said that the Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) could send out the survey to all its tenants on behalf of the Steering Group. Councillor Paget-Brown suggested putting the items on the agenda of the annual meetings of the TMO, BVO and PCCG.

RESOLVED:

- a) the Steering group noted the contents of the report; and
- b) agreed that £20,000 be allocated to carry out a survey that will measure progress against a new proposed indicator of:  
"% of community/voluntary organisations and residents/tenants associations who agree that their service users and members can feed into and influence decision making by the Council, local police and the local NHS."

***Action by: Dr Melanie Smith***

## **6 News and Views**

### Forum of Faiths

The Reverent John E. Davis reported that the Forum of Faiths had held a successful away day to a Buddhist Temple. The Forum was also looking into chaplaincy and what work could be done on promote interfaith activity within schools.

### Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea (ADKC)

Menghi Mulchandhani announced that after 13 years of service she was leaving ADKC as Chief Executive to join the Office of Disabilities at the end of October, on secondment. On behalf of the Steering Group, Councillor Cockell congratulated Menghi and wished her all the best for the future.

#### Space Kensington and Chelsea

Gillian Bowen reported that the Cannabis Action Group's survey of children aged between 12-19 years was complete and the results would be made widely available.

#### Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

Don McBean said that the LSC was working with Whole Foods, who were taking over Barkers, in training local residents to compete for the 500 new jobs that will be created there.

#### Kensington and Chelsea PCT

Dr Melanie Smith reported that the PCT was changing its governance structure and there was now one health authority for the whole of London. She added that a decision on Foundation Trust Hospitals had been deferred.

#### TMO

The TMO had been awarded Chief Chartermark for London. Cllr Cockell congratulated the TMO on its achievement.

#### Metropolitan Police

Chief Superintendent Dominic Clout announced the launch of a monthly Police Newsletter detailing local policing issues. He welcomed feedback on the newsletter. He also reported that 'London Tonight' was covering Kensington and Chelsea for bike theft. The MPS were running a Pan-London campaign on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and the Royal Borough would be focusing on prostitution, dangerous-dogs, youth ASB, street-drinking and cycling on pavements as part of that initiative.

#### Kensington and Chelsea Social Council

Augustine Omara reported that the Social Council was carrying out a report on access to voluntary sector buildings and was also surveying voluntary organisations on governance issues. The website and database were being updated.

Augustine Omara also announced that he was leaving the Social Council as Chief Executive at the end of October. Councillor Cockell thanked him for his work and wished him all the best for the future.

#### The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Councillor Ritchie reported that the Children and Young People's Plan was ready to be published and copies would be sent to all Steering Group members.

Councillor Paget-Brown invited the Steering Group to attend the next Regeneration Exchange on Housing on 2 November. He was pleased to announce that the Royal Borough was runner up in the London in Bloom competition and was in the final five for the Britain in Bloom prize. He updated the Group on the Council's Gumbusting Campaign. He also reported that the Council was looking at specifications for the Tabernacle and would shortly be inviting expressions of interest. The Council had appointed a new North Kensington Environment Manager, Mr Terry Oliver.

Councillor Cockell informed the Group that he had been appointed Chairman of the ALG and was visiting every London Borough as part of his new role. The ALG would shortly be changing its name to the London Council.

Derek Myers reported that the Royal Borough was 'deep into its season of inspections'. Over the next few months over 30 assessors and inspectors will be visiting the Royal Borough and members of the Steering Group may be invited to talk to them about their experiences of working with the Council.

## **7 Forthcoming meeting dates**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15 November 2006.

Meeting dates in 2007 are on 17 January, 14 March, 16 May, 4 July, 12 September and 14 November (all Wednesdays).

## **Any other urgent matters**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 6.37pm

**CHAIRMAN**