

# **KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP**

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## **Royal Borough 2028 Project Overview**

### **Executive Summary:**

This paper updates the KCP Steering Group on a Royal Borough project to assess how the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will change over the next 20 years; what sort of Borough is desired by the Council, and how today's decisions can be guided by a consideration of possible futures in Kensington and Chelsea.

The Consultant appointed to facilitate this work will also solicit KCP Members views and insights around the most significant factors that will influence the future of the Borough.

**For Discussion**

### **Background**

The Council has undertaken this project to assess how the Royal Borough will change over the next 20 years; what sort of Borough is desired by the Council, and how today's decisions can be guided by a consideration of possible futures in Kensington and Chelsea. It is a high level project which will directly engage Cabinet members and Executive Directors as well as Partners in developing a shared understanding of Kensington and Chelsea's long-term vision for the future and the actions needed now to set out on the route to that future.

Through delivering this project, the Council aims to achieve consensus and commitment to the long term vision and a greater collective awareness of future challenges. The 2028 work will also inform a business planning process that takes those challenges into account and a clearer framework for decisions about major change programmes.

### **Purpose of discussion with KCP**

Henley Centre HeadlightVision will give a brief introduction to futures work and outline the methodology and techniques that will be used to achieve the 2028 vision for the Borough.

Henley will then run an interactive session with KCP members to sound opinion and gain insight in to the most significant factors that will influence the future of the Borough. Broad questions will be framed around the following areas:

- Looking back over the last 20 years, what have been the biggest (social, technological, economic, environmental, political and organisational) changes (positive and negative) affecting the Borough?

- Looking forward to the next 20 years, what are likely to be the biggest changes (positive and negative) affecting Yorkshire and the Humber?
- What are the most significant questions and uncertainties that surround the future of the Borough?
- What will be the Borough's greatest strengths and weaknesses going forward?
- What are the main opportunities and threats the Borough faces over the next 20 years?