

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP

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A JOINT CONSULTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE 3rd COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

This paper:

- updates the KCP on the joint consultation programme which the Community Strategy sub group and the Local Development Framework Advisory Group have approved and;
- asks the KCP for comments and suggestions for the wide consultation event to be held in March 2008.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The KCP Community Strategy Sub Group and the Local Development Framework Advisory Group approved a joint consultation programme for the 3rd community strategy and the new Local Development Framework (LDF) in December 2007. The programme should be delivered using existing resources as well as commissioning some tailored new activities using already identified resources, or (subject to agreement by the Community Empowerment sub group) additional funding from the LAA Community Empowerment budget.
- 1.2 Both groups also supported the suggestion that any consultation activities carried out for the 3rd community strategy and the LDF should be strategic and ensure links to other policy priorities and initiatives underway across organisations within the KCP, such as the Council's 2028 project. As such, colleagues from the Council, the Social Council, the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Henley Centre Headlight Vision have formed a project board to oversee the joint consultation process.

2. A joint consultation programme for the 3rd community strategy and the LDF

- 2.1 In order to follow a similar approach undertaken for the existing community strategy within limited resources, and to ensure that the duty to consult on the LDF is fulfilled, the sub group and the advisory group agreed that officers should undertake the following:

2.1.1 Broad based consultation:

There will be a Resident's Panel survey in January, to which an updated version of a questionnaire for the community strategy similar

to that used for the existing strategy will be attached. This will also be published on the KCP website and publicised widely.

Some questions directly related to the issues and options for the Core Strategy and the North Kensington Area Action Plan will be included and colleagues from the PCT have also expressed an interest in adding some questions to the as they will be consulting on Healthcare for London throughout January.

2.1.2 Thematic consultation:

A thematic consultation on the content of the existing strategy has already been led by the KCP through the process of conducting and publishing the mid term review. This enabled the partnership to consult with key stakeholders regarding what is in the existing strategy, what has happened since publication and what needs to be included in the next strategy.

2.1.3 Specific and targeted consultation:

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council (KCSC) have volunteered to lead on this, accessing specific groups via the Voluntary Organisations Forum and other networks, and working with community leaders and colleagues within voluntary and community groups to reach beneficiaries of these organisations. KCSC will then co-ordinate up to six engagement events, targeting 'harder to hear' groups throughout January and February 2008. Facilitation for the events could be provided by graduates of the Community Engagement Skills course led by the PCT, which was supported through the LAA Community Empowerment budget. Groups will be selected with a view to their ability to reach various communities. Community leaders will be encouraged to develop a variety of methods showing views, including art work and video.

A key element of the LDF consultation, closely linked with the Community Strategy, is a series of six workshops which are being held in February and March across the borough. The purpose is to engage with residents, workers, businesses and harder to hear groups to gain their views on the issues and options for the Core Strategy and the North Kensington Area Action Plan. The workshops are planned at locations across the borough: two in the north, two in the central area and two in the south. The workshops also provide an opportunity to gain qualitative information about the places that people identify with in the borough and further understand what they see as being the good things about them and what they feel needs improving. Most importantly the workshops will ask people how they see the future of their 'place'. It is intended that these workshops will help foster a sense of stewardship about the places in the borough.

2.1.4 Commissioned consultation:

The Community Strategy sub group and the LDF Advisory Group recognised the importance of tying already planned commissioned consultation activity together where possible to prevent overlap, and reduce consultation fatigue.

The Council's 2028 project was intending to hold a consultation open day event focussing on the vision for the overall strategy. The PCT will be holding an open afternoon event early in 2008 focussing on healthcare issues raised as part of Healthcare for London. There are clear and obvious links between these initiatives and so colleagues from KCSC have volunteered to lead on a wide consultation event in early/mid March 2008 which will ask questions and listen to the views of residents regarding the 2028 project, the 3rd Community Strategy and the LDF. The timetable for the PCT led consultation on Healthcare for London does not allow for the planned event to take place in March and so this will go ahead on Monday 28th January as arranged. However, advertisement of the wider event in March will be distributed at the PCT event. The focussed engagement events led by KCSC throughout January and February, along with the 'place' workshops for residents and businesses, will feed into the wider event in March, capturing attendance from harder to hear groups.

The event in March will be held at the Town Hall, and offer a range of show and tell events from focus groups to a wide audience from a range of communities. There will be officers from RBKC, KCSC and the Henley Centre available, and short workshops with up to 35 participants will be held throughout the day seeking views on existing plans, creating opportunities to suggest improvements and adding to thinking about shaping the future.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The KCP are asked to discuss the consultation events outlined above and put forward comments and suggestions regarding the wider consultation event planned for March.

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