

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Councillor Merrick Cockell, Chairman (Leader of the Council, RBK&C)
Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Zrinka Bralo (VOF Engaging Communities representative)
Tim Chidgey (Borough Commander, Fire Service)
Chief Supt. Mark Heath (Borough Commander, MPA)
Councillor Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBK&C)
Helen Leech (VOF Older People's representative)
Don McBean (Partnership Manager, Learning and Skills Council - London Central)
Councillor Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services, RBK&C)
Jamie Renton (VOF Equalities and Inclusivity representative)
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health, K&C PCT)
Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce)
Steven Weil (VOF Children and Young People's representative)

Others in Attendance

Mary Gardiner (Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Anna Porta (Deputy rep for Engaging Communities VOF)
Councillor Dr Iain Hanham (Brompton Ward Councillor)
Sheila Dane (Development Officer, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Cynthia Dize (Director, Sixty Plus)
Councillor Warwick Lightfoot (Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Derek Myers (Town Clerk and Chief Executive, RBK&C)
Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and Service Improvement, RBK&C)
Rachel Smith (Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Support Manager, RBK&C)
Asha Gupta (Governance Services, RBK&C)
Andrew Curry (Henley Centre Headlight Vision)
Joseph White (Zurich Commercial and Municipal)

2028 Vision

Andrew Curry from Henley Centre Headlight Vision gave a presentation of the six pillars of the 2028 vision. A copy of the slides have been placed on the Minute Book. This part of the meeting was not minuted as Mr Curry took a note of the comments made. Following the discussion the Steering Group were invited to submit further comments on the pillars and their metaphors to Rachel Smith or directly to Mr Curry.

1 Apologies for Absence. Agree Agenda

The Chairman welcomed Steven Weil to his first meeting of the Steering Group.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environmental Management and Leisure, RBK&C), Jane Makower (Forum of Faiths representative) and Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies).

The Steering Group agreed the agenda.

Members of the Steering Group were invited to join the Agenda Planning Group and/or the Community Strategy Sub-Group.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2008

Subject to the correction of a few minor errors the minutes of the 16th January meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Data Quality Protocol

The Steering Group were invited to discuss and endorse the draft Data Quality Protocol as set out in appendix A of the report.

Michael Bach felt that the Partnership should bring in a consultant to look at what data was available and review how it could be used. Mr Redpath said that there was a wider discussion to be had on collating data but that this paper sought to agree a protocol so that whatever data the Partnership was presented with could be trusted. He added that unless a set of disciplines were enforced then the quality of the data would be compromised and therefore less valuable.

Malcolm Spalding made the comment in relation to protocol number 7, that a lot of small voluntary organisation were not aware that they were illegally storing data on their systems and felt that the Partnership should help those organisations to register with the Commission on Data Protection.

In response to a question by Stephen Weil with regards to definitions of data relating to indicators, Mr Redpath said that there were 198 national indicators and the Government would be issuing guidance on what data should be collected.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group endorsed Kensington and Chelsea Partnership's draft Data Quality Protocol.

Action by: Tony Redpath

4 LDF update

The Steering Group were invited to comment on the key strategic issues outlined in the Core Strategy and the North Kensington Area Action: two key documents that form the foundation of the Local Development Framework, which were now out for a six-week consultation period.

Jamie Renton was concerned that the 'issues and options' document made no reference to physical access and life-time homes and wanted to see them included as strategic issues.

Mary Gardiner said that the consultation period should be extended to give the local community a chance to respond. She also commented that the timings of some of the consultation events were unsuitable for older people and that the Council's Planners had offered to organise a further event but she had heard anything more on the matter.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group:

- i) Noted the report; and
- ii) Agreed to individually respond to the Core Strategy and the North Kensington Area Action Plan before the closing date of 24th March.

Action by: All

5 Partnership Risk Management

Joseph White, consultant from Zurich Commercial and Municipal gave a presentation on Partnership risk management. He reported that he would be holding a series of interviews with Steering Group Members to identify shared risks of the Partnership body. The aim of the interviews was to come up with a risk register of 8-12 significant issues. The findings would be presented at the May meeting.

The Steering Group agreed to participate in the risk management interviews. It also requested to see a copy of the risk measures in advance of the interviews.

Action by: Rachel Smith

6 March 10 Joint Consultation Event

Mary Gardiner gave verbal feedback on the 10 March joint consultation event on the vision for 2028, Local Development Framework and 3rd Community Strategy held in the Great Hall, Kensington Town Hall. In particular it was noted that:

- Prior to the event 15 focus groups had been held where trained facilitators had asked questions such as what do you like or do not

like about the borough and what needs to change? The results were collated on to a presentation and played throughout the day.

- The event was blighted by the weather and turnout was lower than expected.
- The event was interactive with stalls from Royal Borough service providers, focus groups and performances throughout the day. A special thank you was made to Councillor Ritchie who took an active part in the day's proceedings.
- Some criticism was received regarding the venue.

A formal report would be presented at a future date.

Action by: Mary Gardiner

7 LAA Proposals

The Steering Group were invited to note and discuss the current position regarding the development of a new LAA and approve the approach recommended by offices.

In response to a question, Mr Redpath said that there were some local authorities under pressure to include indicators around preventing violent extremism but that the Royal Borough was not one of them.

The Steering Group discussed Annex A - List of priorities and indicators submitted to GOL and made the following main comments:

Indicators 161 (Learners achieving a Level 1 qualification in literacy) and 161 (learners achieving an entry level 3 qualification in numeracy) - the indicators would cover residents going outside the borough to i.e. Hammersmith and Fulham and Westminster and also non-residents using Royal Borough provision. The Learning and Skills Council would aim to capture as much data as possible to get a more accurate indicator.

Indicator 186 (per capita CO2 emission in the LAA area) - Malcolm Spalding made the comment that residents wanting to install double-glazing in a conservation area have a difficult and lengthy planning process to go through and that the Council should offer support to them. Mr Myers said that this was outside the remit of the Partnership and should be raised directly with the Planners.

Indicator 55 (obesity among primary school age children in reception year) and 56 (obesity among primary school age children in year 6) - Dr Melanie Smith reported that the national mood on this was changing which would have an impact on the target.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group:

- i) Noted the content of the report, including Annex A - the list of indicators submitted to GOL, which will form the basis of negotiating the targets;
- ii) Approved the approach to negotiate the targets as outlined in the report; and
- iii) Noted the forward timetable for next steps.

Action by: Rachel Smith

8 Updating a Picture of our Community

The Steering Group were invited to note the progress made by the Community Strategy Sub-Group on updating 'A Picture of Our Community' and put forward any comments.

Rachel Smith reported that the document was being updated with new available statistical information, data and indicators to provide a comprehensive picture of the Royal Borough. The Sub-Group was seeking further information on Mosaic data (a resident profiling dataset that profiles the boroughs population into district groupings with certain characteristics). The Steering Group noted that 'A picture of Our Community' was a fact based document while as Mosaic dataset was based on perception and how others see us. The Sub-Group would be asked to take a view on including Mosaic dataset in the document and to its most appropriate presentation.

The Steering Group:

- i) Noted the progress made by the Community Strategy Sub-Group on updating 'A Picture of Our Community' document;
- ii) Endorsed its preferred approach to structure and present the information.

Action by: Rachel Smith

9 News and views

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

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

- Cllr Ritchie reported that the Family and Children's Services priorities for 2008/09 were: youth crime prevention, children with disabilities, looked-after children, children in need and tackling childhood poverty.

- Cllr Cockell reported that London Councils was working with Capital Ambition and the Leadership Centre for Local Government on Project 2010, which was about making people more aware of the work of their local council, and councillors, with a view to encouraging their stand in the 2010 elections. Specific work would be done in Kensington and Chelsea.

Learning and Skills Council (L&SC)

- A Jobs Fair was being held on 21st May at the Town Hall. The event was being jointly organised by the L&SC, Job Centre Plus and the Council.
- The Learning, Work and Business Group met on 25th January to look at worklessness.
- The L&SC was drawing up an employability Framework to help deliver its agenda. The focus of the Framework will be attitude and investment.

Kensington and Chelsea PCT

- Consultation on Healthcare for London – a framework for action had come to an end. Analysis was underway and feedback was expected towards the end of May.
- The K&C PCT was developing its Operating Plan for 2008/09.
- Work was underway to finalise arrangements for St Charles Hospital. The Steering Group were invited to an open day on 25th and 26th April to walk around the hospital and see what was proposed for the site.

Fire Service

- The Steering Group were invited to attend Chelsea Fire Station's open day on 21st April. Cllr Ritchie made a request for schools be invited to the open day.
- The Brigade had sold its headquarters in Embankment and would be moving to Union Street in Southwark.

Chamber of Commerce

- Steering Group Members were encouraged to visit the Museum of Brands, Packaging and Advertising in Colville Mews, W11.
- The Business Crime Reduction Partnership had met and received an interesting presentation on skilled and unskilled crime.

VOF

- Zrinka Barlo reported that she was the Chairman of the Engaging Communities cluster. She would be bringing together members under a new remit.
- Zrinka Barlo was also pleased to report that she along with a select group of representatives from the BME, refugee and faith communities, as well as organisations that work with these communities have been invited to join the Black Minority Ethnic Refugee and Faith (BMERF)

Advisory Group. The Group has been set up to advise GOL on the work that they do in this area, in order to increase the impact it has on the communities involved.

- Jamie Renton reported that the first meeting of the Disability Network took place on 4th April at the London Lighthouse.
- ADKC was updating Kensington and Chelsea's Inclusive Report.
- Michael Bach reported on feedback from the Voluntary Sector on the lack of transparency with LAA funding allocation and reporting. Mr Redpath agreed to bring a report to the next meeting.

Action by: Tony Redapth

8 Forthcoming meeting dates

The Steering Group noted forthcoming meeting dates: 14 May 2008, 16 July 2008, 17 September 2008 and 12 November 2008 (all Wednesdays).

The meeting ended at 7.23 pm

CHAIRMAN