

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman in the Chair (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce)
Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Councillor Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBK&C)
Tim Chidgey (Borough Commander, Fire Service)
Chief Supt. Mark Heath (Borough Commander, MPA)
Helen Leech (VOF Health and Wellbeing representative)
Don McBean (Partnership Manager, Learning and Skills Council - London Central)
Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environmental Management and Leisure)
Juliet Rawlings (Chair, TMO Board)
Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies)
Councillor Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services, RBK&C)
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health, K&C PCT)
Stephen Weil (VOF Children and Young People's representative)

Others in Attendance

Councillor Dr Iain Hanham (Brompton Ward Councillor)
Sheila Dane (Development Officer, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Cynthia Dize (Director, Sixty Plus)
Mary Gardiner (VOF Equalities and Inclusivity deputy representative)
Neil Herbert (Head of Licensing and Business Development, RBK&C)
Joan McGarvey (Senior Policy Officer, RBK&C)
Peter Molyneux (Chairman, K&C PCT Board)
Derek Myers (Town Clerk and Chief Executive, RBK&C)
Anna Porta (VOF Engaging Communities deputy representative)
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)
Frouke de Vries (Governance Services, RBK&C)

1 Apologies for Absence. Agree Agenda

The Chairman welcomed Peter Molyneux to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Merrick Cockell (Leader of the Council, RBK&C).

The Steering Group agreed the agenda.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2008

The minutes of the 12th March meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman subject to the following amendments:

- i. Helen Leech's title be amended to Health and Wellbeing representative;
- ii. Minute 3 - Data Quality Protocol: Commission on Data Protection be amended to Information Commissioner;
- iii. Minute 7 - LAA Proposals: The sentence 'Mr Myers said...with the Planners' be amended to 'Mr Myers said that this was not chosen as an indicator and should be raised with the Planners';
- iv. Minute 9 - News and views: Fire Service - The date be corrected to 21st June;
- v. Minute 9 - News and views: VOF - final bullet point: LAA funding allocation be amended to Community Engagement funding.

3 Matters Arising

Mr Bach stated that there ought to be greater transparency in Community Engagement funding and felt that a report ought to be brought forward by the Community Engagement Sub-Group. The report ought to cover funding as well as what the funding could have achieved.

4. Environment Strategy

Joan McGarvey gave a verbal update on the Council's Environment Strategy. The Steering Group heard that most of the year-one actions had been implemented and three had been deferred. The current year-two actions focussed on reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Internal objectives had been set to reduce the Royal Borough's carbon footprint, while at the same time work was being undertaken to influence Council partners. The actions were being developed around the Green Partners Group, which was a forum set up to share good environmental practice. Celia Rees-Jenkins added that not all representatives attended meetings on a regular basis and felt that the membership ought to be strengthened. The Green Partners Group would be asked to post information on the Council's website to increase their visibility.

Additionally, the Group heard that:

- The Recycling and Innovations Forum was working with SITA to improve recycling;
- Research was undertaken to switch to Biodiesel use in the Borough;
- Opportunities for introducing Combined Power and Heat Systems on Council properties was being looked into;
- An unsuccessful trial on residential kitchen waste had been carried out.

- Investigation into rain water harvesting in Council Buildings;
- Energy audits were being conducted in Council buildings to reduce energy waste;
- Currently 41 per cent of schools in the borough had school travel plans; Councillor Ritchie welcomed further details on possible blockages to take up and offered her support to the project.
- The Carbon Action and Reduction in a Regeneration area project had been abandoned.
- Green Flag Status had been achieved for Holland Park and Kensington Memorial Park;
- Officers were currently developing a sustainable procurement policy;
- Ireton Lodge would be developed into a sustainable eco-home.

In summer 2008 consultation would take place to review what actions needed to be amended.

Some members felt that the Environment Days had not been sufficiently publicised. Cllr Ritchie suggested increasing publicity in the schools and youth centres encouraging them to get involved.

Dr Melanie Smith said that the PCT was experiencing difficulty in engaging schools on the Healthy Schools Health and Wellbeing Programme and thought this might be an opportunity to identify any overlap and collaborate with the Council.

Peter Molyneux stated that the Primary Care Trust had developed a sustainability protocol, which could be further developed to manage waste.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group noted the progress made on the Environment Strategy.

A full progress report towards the end of Year 2 would be presented at a future meeting.

Action by: Joan McGarvey

4 The next Community Strategy

The Steering Group were invited to note and discuss the progress made by the Community Strategy Sub Group in developing the next Community Strategy.

Dr Melanie Smith introduced the report and explained it was intended to outline the process for the content of the Strategy. She added that the new Strategy was required to cover sustainability. Each chapter in the Strategy was to have a sustainability wheel, noting sustainability challenges or

compromises relevant to that chapter. Connections had been made between the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Community Strategy. Each chapter in the Strategy would highlight relevant principles from the LDF under the headings of 'Keeping Life Local' and 'Fostering Vitality'.

The Steering Group would be asked to approve the final version before going out for consultation in July 2008. The final version of the strategy would be published in November 2008.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group:

- i. Noted the report; and
- ii. endorsed the proposed model for the next Community Strategy as outlined in Annex A to the report.

Action by: Community Strategy Sub Group

5 News and Views

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

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea:

- Councillor Paget-Brown reported that the recycling rate was 29 percent in the first three months of this year and orange sacks were now delivered to estates.
- The Council would be implementing improved bicycle facilities in the Royal Borough making one-way streets two-ways for cyclists.
- Councillor Paget-Brown reported that the Council had entered into a 20-year agreement to take over the management of Little Wormwood Scrubs. A consultation on the use of the Park was currently being undertaken.
- Councillor Ritchie reported that the Royal Borough had obtained Pathfinder Status in the Play Pathfinder.
- Councillor Ritchie was pleased to report that Bute Street Farmers Market had opened.

Kensington and Chelsea Societies

- Celia Rees-Jenkins reported that recently consultation had been undertaken on Sunbeam Gardens and results were due later this summer.
- Progress was being made with designs to improve Golborne Bridge.

Learning and Skills Council (L&SC)

- Don McBean reported that the first Jobs Fair would take place on 21 May and would be officially opened by the Mayor. The Fair was aimed at both young people and adults.

Kensington and Chelsea PCT

- Dr Melanie Smith reported that the Open Days at St Charles' Hospital had had a good turnout and that on the whole there had been positive feedback.
- There were plans for a community hospital. Issues regarding access to and at the site were being looked into.
- There had been some unfortunate press coverage regarding the relocation of five GP practices to the hospital. The PCT had written to the patients affected, who mostly had responded positively to the move.

Fire Service

- The Chelsea Fire Fighters took part in a sponsored race, which raised £500.
- The Brigade had published its Service delivery performance targets; the Royal Borough was the best performing Local Authority in London and had achieved 12/13 of its targets.

Metropolitan Police Service

- The Borough Commander reported that a new bimonthly newsletter was being produced, which covered a broad range of policing issues.
- There was a Met-wide operation to curb violence among young people. Kensington and Chelsea Police was working with partners to reduce violence.
- Service delivery performance targets had also been published for the Metropolitan Police and the Royal Borough had achieved all its targets since 1 April 2008.
- The Borough Commander reported that an inquest would be held to investigate the recent tragedy at Markham Square. The inquest was likely to take 18 months.

Chamber of Commerce

- Malcolm Spalding informed the Steering Group that the Council had recently undertaken enforcement action against premises with unlicensed tables and chairs in front of their shops. The Chamber of Commerce felt that the enforcement was inappropriate. Instead, premises should be encouraged to obtain a licence.

VOF

- Steven Weil reported that the results of the review were due in September, although concerns had been expressed around the children's centre agenda.
- Michael Bach reported that an event organised by the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council had been successful and 150 voluntary organisations had attended.
- Anna Porta said that the third sector had a role to play in community cohesion. The Engaging Communities VOF was working together with various community organisations.
- Anna Porta noted that the Engaging Communities VOF welcomed the opportunity to take part in the 1958 Remembered: 50 Years On Steering Group.
- Helen Leech reported that New Horizons had been launched.
- Helen Leech was pleased to report that the week commencing 19 May 2008 was Adult Learners Week and that new PCT funding had allowed three new projects for older people to be developed.
- Mary Gardiner reported that the Equalities and Inclusivity VOF had held its first partnership meeting, which was mainly for service providers to adults.
- Mary Gardiner also reported that a project was being funded by Sport England to deliver targets for adult BME groups.
- The Kensington and Chelsea Social Council was working with smaller organisations to capacity build them to provide services to older people.
- Mary Gardiner sought the views of officers on where they thought the voluntary sector fit in with the delivery of LAA. Mr Redpath agreed to get back to her at a future meeting.

6 'Interim' LAA

The Steering Group were invited to comment on and approve the draft proposed targets for inclusion in the 'interim' LAA, subject to any additional information required and/or comments from Government.

Rachel Smith presented the report and explained that some targets were delayed because they were either new indicators or were measured in a new way. The Steering Group heard that a further stretch in targets for reducing child poverty had been agreed.

In response to questions it was clarified that:

- It was agreed that indicators would only be included in the interim LAA where negotiations were flexible enough to agree sensible targets. The

partnership did not want to commit to targets that partners were unlikely to meet.

- The CO2 reduction target was a national minimum reduction.
- Child poverty was measured in the percentage of children in families on benefits. The target would be looked at on a ward level. Councillor Ritchie asked if the absolute number of children living in poverty could be made available to her.
- The Learning and Skills Council and JobCentre Plus would be working with partners to improve skills and reduce worklessness.

RESOLVED:

The Steering Group:

- i. Noted the progress in negotiating a new LAA;
- ii. endorsed the draft list of targets set out in Annex A to the report; and
- iii. delegated authority to Cllr Cockell as Chairman of the Partnership to sign off the final version of the LAA targets, subject to approval by the Steering Group.

Action by: Rachel Smith

7 Compact

Mary Gardiner gave a verbal update on the Compact, which was now in operation and was being tested. The document was drawn up in partnership with the PCT, Metropolitan Police and the Council, amongst others. A series of workshops and seminars would be held to raise awareness of the document.

8 Forthcoming meeting dates

The Steering Group noted forthcoming meeting dates: 16 July 2008, 17 September 2008, 12 November 2008, 14 January 2009, 11 March 2009, 13 May 2009, 15 July 2009, 16 September 2009, 11 November 2009 (all Wednesdays).

The meeting ended at 6.56 pm

CHAIRMAN