

**THE KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE SHADOW STEERING GROUP 22ND JANUARY 2002**

“THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY”

**DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY
REPORT BY THE TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of the Local Government Act 2000, Local Strategic Partnerships are required to agree a Community Strategy. A Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS) must also be prepared in order to attract Neighbourhood Renewal funding (NRF). Kensington and Chelsea's NRS is the subject of a separate paper elsewhere on this agenda.
- 1.2 Whilst the Government has not set a date for the completion of Community Strategies it has been agreed that in Kensington and Chelsea the Community Strategy and NRS should be produced in tandem. The timetable for production of these documents is therefore driven by the need to agree a NRS with the LSP by April 2002 in order to secure the release of NRF monies in 2002/03.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 6th December 2001 the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership agreed a framework for the Community Strategy. A draft Community Strategy has now been written in line with the agreed framework and is attached for consideration.

2. THE STRATEGY

- 2.1 As indicated in the framework, the Community Strategy endeavours to balance local people's vision for the future with an honest account of the difficulties and challenges that may be faced in attempting to achieve this.
- 2.2 The main action points in the Community Strategy are contained in the thematic sections (pp6-23). Within each thematic section, these action points are divided as follows:
 - 'Continue to' outlines some of the work already underway to address the vision and the challenges.
 - 'Work towards a change' describes additional work that could be considered.
 - 'Influence a change' highlights issues that reach beyond the Borough boundaries.

- 2.3 The Social Councils are currently drafting a Voluntary Sector strategy and the main points of this will need to be built into the next draft.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 Consultation on the draft strategies will take place during February. The consultation process is the subject of a separate report elsewhere on this agenda.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 22nd March the Steering Group will be asked to agree any changes that need to be made to the strategies in the light of the consultation findings.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Steering Group is recommended to:
 - 1. Consider the draft Community Strategy with specific reference to the action points described above and decide whether any action points need to be added or amended.
 - 2. Agree that the draft Community Strategy (allowing for any amendments made under 1. above) should now be put out to consultation.

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