

The Kensington and Chelsea Partnership



Minutes of the meeting of the Shadow LSP Steering Group
held at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd January 2002
at Kensington Town Hall, London W8 7NX.

PRESENT

Members of the Steering Group

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Chairman) - Leader of the Council (RBK&C)
Councillor Thomas Fairhead - Cabinet Member for Housing (RBK&C)
Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown - Cabinet Member for Regeneration,
Community Safety & External Relations (RBK&C)
Ms. Kate Aldous - Director, Chelsea Social Council
Chief Inspector Rick Algar - Metropolitan Police (on behalf of Moir
Stewart)
The Reverend John E. Davis - Ecumenical Deans
Ms. Susie Parsons - Acting Director of Notting Hill Social Council
Mr Dez O' Neill - Representative for Children and Young People (Voluntary
Organisations Forum)

Others in attendance

Mr. Derek Myers - Town Clerk & Chief Executive (RBK&C)
Mr. Colin Richardson - Head of Economic Development & Strategic
Partnerships (RBK&C)
Mr. Mark Beauchamp - Research & Consultation Manager (RBK&C)
Ms. Similola Towry Coker - Notting Hill Social Council
Miss Shirley Fryer - Policy and Partnerships (RBK&C)
Mr. Ali Khan, Committee Services (RBK&C)

A G E N D A

1. STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The Group noted the current LSP membership and agreed that one of the resident vacancies should be filled by a nominee from the Kensington Society and/or the Chelsea Society.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ch. Supt Moir Stewart and Mr Paul Haigh.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2001 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2001 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Susie Parsons suggested that one of the vacancies had been allocated, at the last meeting, to a representative of 'Children and Young People' rather than 'Children and Families' and that Dez O' Neill had been nominated by the Voluntary Organisations Forum (VOF) on this basis.

4. ACCREDITATION OF THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Copies of the Reverend Davis's written comments on the accreditation of the Partnership were circulated at the meeting.

The following points were raised and noted during the discussion:

- that the presentation to GOL (paragraph 3.3 refers) would be made by Susie Parsons and Partnership representatives either from the Police, Health or Forum of Faiths together with the Town Clerk & Chief Executive.
- that a new 'Forum of Faiths' had now been established and at its recent inaugural meeting the Forum had agreed to seek the common good and to foster neighbourliness.
- that Reverend Davis had been formally nominated by the new 'Forum of Faiths' to represent all faith communities.
- that the self-assessment and action plan should show where areas of weaknesses identified were already in the process of being remedied.
- that the term 'local people' be used instead of 'local community' or 'local communities' in the revised Partnership diagram.
- that attempts to engage with hard to reach groups be placed high up in priority list and that the Group should consider new and innovative ways to engage them in the process.
- That once the accreditation document documents had been submitted, the Group would cease to be a 'shadow' and operate formally as the Steering Group of the Kensington and Chelsea Partnership.
- That the language in the accreditation documents should be more positive and reflect the Group's desire to address any current areas of weaknesses.

After deliberation, the Group approved the Self-Assessment, the Action Plan and the revised Partnership Structure Diagram (as amended) and that the key actions 1, 11 and 31 be highlighted in particular.

5. A RESPONSE FROM PAUL HAIGH TO THE REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION

It was noted that Mr. Paul Haigh was unwell and therefore unable to attend the meeting.

6. THE DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY-COVERING REPORT

The report was received and the recommendations were approved in conjunction with the comments made in relation to items 6A and 6B below.

6A. THE DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

The Group discussed the report and agreed:

- that the Community Strategy should look less Council-driven.
- That the title of the Strategy should be amended to 'The Future of Our Community'.
- that the Strategy should also incorporate other partners' objectives and priorities as far as possible.
- that both public and private sector considerations, e.g. in relation to housing, hospitals, economic development and education should be incorporated where possible.
- that reference to faith schools be included under 'Learning and Leisure' on page 15.
- that K&C Opportunities Centre be added in the last paragraph on page 21.

6B. THE DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY

The Group agreed the Strategy subject to the addition of "where appropriate" at the end of objective 7; and agreed that the bulk of the year 2 budget be used within St. Charles and Golborne Wards but a proportion (12% of the year 2 budget, equivalent to £97,000) should be available for other less affluent parts of the Borough.

Dez O'Neil requested that the objectives highlighted the need for local people to be involved in the process.

7. PROPOSALS TO CONSULT ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIES

The Steering Group agreed:

- that new and innovative ways to involve young people be explored;
- that under item 2.9, the term young people should replace the word children;
- that local businesses, the Portobello Business Centre, the Chamber of Commerce, the Museums and the Forum of Faiths be consulted;
- that neighbouring boroughs and organisations close to the boundary with the Borough (i.e. Imperial College and the Albert Hall) be consulted if appropriate; and
- that drafts of the Strategy be sent to all residents and tenants associations before the area-based consultation meetings as referred to at paragraph 2.1.

8. DEVELOPING A WEBSITE FOR THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The report was received and noted.

9. THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND

The Group noted that a full time employee had now been taken on to work on the Community Empowerment Fund.

Subject to above, the report was received and noted.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The Group agreed the following dates for future meetings (start time 6.00 p.m.):

Wednesday 20th March 2002 (previously agreed).

Thursday 23rd May 2002.

Wednesday 17th July 2002.

Tuesday 24th September 2002. (changed subsequent to the meeting)

Tuesday 26th November 2002.

Thursday 23rd January 2003

The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

Chairman