

## **The Kensington and Chelsea Local Strategic Partnership**

Minutes of a Shadow LSP Steering Group Meeting held at 5pm on Monday 25th September 2001 at Kensington Town Hall, W8.

### **Present**

#### Members of the Shadow LSP Steering Group

Ms Kate Aldous, Director, Chelsea Social Council  
Chief Inspector Rick Algar, Metropolitan Police  
Councillor Merrick Cockell, The Leader of the Council (Chairman)  
The Reverend John E Davis, Ecumenical Deans  
Councillor Thomas Fairhead, RBKC Cabinet Member  
Mr Paul Haigh, Chief Executive, K&C Primary Care Group  
Ms Susie Parsons, Consultant to the Social Councils  
Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown, RBKC Cabinet Member

#### RBKC officers in attendance:

Mr Mark Beauchamp, Research and Consultation Manager  
Miss Shirley Fryer, Policy Officer  
Mr Lee Harris, Head of Policy  
Mr Ali Khan, Committee Section  
Mr Derek Myers, Town Clerk and Chief Executive  
Mr Colin Richardson, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Partnerships

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Mr John James, Chief Executive, KCW Health Authority  
Mr Moir Stewart, RBKC Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police  
Ms Liz Evans, Director, Notting Hill Social Council

### **2 Community Strategy Consultation**

The report was welcomed. A poster "Brave New World" advertising the two borough conferences and designed to generate interest in the community strategy was noted. The Group also noted that the consultation programme was being planned and delivered by the Council, the two Social Councils and the Health Authority. Ms Aldous added that the programme was being funded in part by the voluntary sector through the Community Empowerment Fund.

Referring to the consultation events for the residents' associations and the amenity societies, Councillor Cockell relayed a concern from these organisations that they were not represented on this Shadow Steering Group. He felt that in view of their number and the interests that they represented consideration should be given to enable them to have a voice on the steering group. He wondered if they could also benefit from the Community Empowerment Fund and asked if the Social Councils could look into this with the Government Office. Ms Parsons reported that the

voluntary organisations forum (VOF) were of the view that there should be an equal number of representatives on the steering group from the statutory and non-statutory sectors. At present, this would mean six members from the non-statutory sector and it was VOF's view that there should be four from the voluntary sector, one from the residents' associations and one from faith groups.

The Group welcomed Rev. Davis report that he was working with the Council's Community Relations Advisor, Mr Ahmed on setting up an inter faith group. Initially this would embrace Christianity, Islam and Judaism but it would be widened to embrace other faiths in time.

Mr Myers explained that a place on the Steering Group was reserved for the business community. How this was taken up could be considered after the consultation events with businesses planned for November and early 2002.

After discussion, it was agreed to keep the composition of the shadow steering group under review and to consider it again in the light of the consultation findings.

### **3 Developing a Website for the LSP and Community Strategy**

It was agreed to proceed on the basis of option 2 in the report - a website within the Council's web site. It was felt that the website should be able to incorporate partners' logos. The Group were of the view that any e-mail facility must have sufficient capacity to deal with correspondence.

It was further agreed that LSP should have a distinctive name and logo. Mr Myers agreed to generate name and logo options for circulation to the Group for comment and decision, if possible, prior to next the meeting.

### **4 Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS)**

Mr Richardson reported that the LSP had to agree the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy in early 2002 and from next year it would also need to approve how the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) was being used. Mr Richardson added that up to 50% of the 2001/02 NRF allocation could be carried forward to future years. Mr Richardson explained that he was seeking ideas for the future use of NRF money.

The proportion of the NRF money that should be spent in or for the benefit of the two most deprived wards, St Charles and Golborne, was considered. It was agreed to give further consideration to the suggestion to set aside a proportion of the NRF for other deprived areas, such as South Stanley, Earl's Court and other North Kensington wards, or for initiatives of a borough wide nature.

Councillor Paget-Brown reported that he was convening a regeneration forum in the near future to consider these and other regeneration issues.

It was agreed that at the next meeting a list of current strategies and Government funding streams would be circulated.

## **5 Children's Fund**

Mr Myers explained that he had brought this matter to the Group so that it might begin to exercise its co-ordinating role for partnerships.

After discussion it was agreed that the existing Council/Health Authority Children and Families' Chief Officer's Children's Group be re-launched, with a wider membership beyond the statutory sector, as the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

## **6 Future Meetings**

A date for next meeting, ideally in late November, would be confirmed with Members.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm

Chairman