1. On Tuesday 7 January 2020 Kensington and Chelsea Social Council wrote:

“KCSC very much welcome this fresh draft, and whilst we would very much have liked the revision to have gone considerably deeper we do recognise the strides taken. However, there are a number of additions we believe might bolster the impact and potential success of the Charter:

- We believe that there needs to be a Standards and Evidence framework to underpin the Charter, similar to that which was included in KCSC’s submission. We recognise that the current timeframes make that very difficult to achieve so suggest that a panel of residents, Voluntary Sector Agencies and councillors produce this during the first six months of the Charter as it beds in, so lessons can be included.

- There needs to be a section that addresses access, be it physical access, IT access or language access.

- The value of the community as an untapped resource ought to be amplified, we suggest this can be best absorbed into 3.1, bullet 3. It may look like this “The community is a valuable, untapped, resource, we believe that drawing upon this resource through public participation will drive more sustainable outcomes.”

2. Cllr. Anne Cyron, Lead Member for Communities, is aware of this further submission and recommends that the Committee:

(i) does not accede to the first request above – because the Council’s governance changes (including the operation of the Charter) will be the subject of an interim review in mid-2020 and a full review in 2021 – both of which will provide ample opportunity for input from the Social Council and other interested parties and individuals.

(ii) does accede to the second and third requests above (with these slight revisions being cleared - following this meeting - with the Chair, Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell).

and that full Council on 22 January 2020 be recommended accordingly.

FOR DECISION

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