

## Borough and Area Governance Review Panel Meeting

Venue: Freeman Suite, Kensington Town Hall, London W8

7NX (entrance via the Freeman Suite reception)

Time: Tuesday 15 January 2019 6.30pm



## **Aim of the meeting:**

**This meeting will consider possible models for involving people more in decision-making at a local level.**

**The aim of the meeting is for the Panel to understand:**

- **different approaches and models in use in other places**
- **which model(s) might be most relevant to Kensington and Chelsea at present and in the future**

**Panel membership:** Councillors Robert Atkinson, Elizabeth Campbell, Gerard Hargreaves, Walaa Idris, Monica Press and Johnny Thalassites.

## **Running order**

### **1. Introductions, housekeeping**

### **2. Overview of different options for area involvement/governance (Ed Hammond, Centre for Public Scrutiny)**

*A short paper will be available on the Council's financial regulations and how they might apply to decision-making at local level.*

### **3. Brief introductions to practice within and outside RBKC:**

- Colville and Golborne Community Forums (Marian Skeen, Colville Community Forum), (Marion Gettleson, Shop representative on the Portobello Golborne Management Committee)
- Queen's Park Community Council (Kevin Harris, Chief Officer at Queen's Park Community Council and Queen's Park Councillor Eartha Pond)
- Area Boards (Baroness Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council)

### **4. Examples of how different systems work in practice (Heather Wills, Director of Governance at RBKC)**

### **5. Opportunity for the public and the panel to ask questions of clarification to the speakers**

### **6. Table discussions for the public to debate what they've heard:**

- What do you think are the pros and cons of different area governance systems you have heard about?
- Whatever the system, what would a "good" local or area system look and feel like?
- What would it mean for the role of the public – as individuals, or collectively through amenity groups, residents' associations etc?

### **7. Plenary section and summary of discussion**

### **8. Panel reflections**

9. **Look ahead to next meeting** – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 6:30pm in the Freeman Suite (the Walford-Crofton room).

*This meeting will consider:*

- *how any changes to the Council's governance might affect the work of partners in the borough*
- *how any new arrangements for involving people at local level might relate to borough-wide decision-making*
- *recent relevant developments in national thinking and local practice.*

*Any thoughts in advance of the meeting are very welcome*