

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Councillor Miss Barbara Campbell (Chairman) (Cllr BC), Councillor Tim Ahern (Vice-Chairman) (Cllr TA), Councillor Fiona Buxton (Cllr FB), Councillor Pat Mason (Cllr PM), Councillor Shireen Ritchie (Cllr SR).

Others in Attendance

Yasmin Amghar (Somali Mothers and Children's Organisations)(YA), Charles Barber (CAB) (CB), Lin Gillians (Kensington and Chelsea Social Council) (LG), Waris Mahmoud (Somali Mothers and Children's Organisations) (WM), Peter Okali (Age Concern) (PO), (Kensington and Chelsea Social Council) (AO), Petros Tesfagiorgis (Eritrean Elders Welfare) (PT), Robin Tuck (The Harrow Club) (RT), Gillian Bowen (Space KC) (GB), Cynthia Dize (Sixty Plus) (CD), Usha Prema (PCT) (UP), Peter Molyneau (PCT) (PM).

Council Officers in Attendance

Michelle Greenwald (Voluntary Sector Manager), Clive Mentzel (Scrutiny Development Manager) (CM), Stella Baillie (Head of Adult Social Care) (SB), Jerome Treherne (Governance Administrator) (JT).

A1 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors James Husband and Tim Ahern, Charles Barber, Dee Dainton, and Jamie Renton. Councillor Christopher Buckmaster had been invited to speak on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work in item A4.

A2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

A3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2007

RT asked for the phrase *added value aspect* to replace 'good value aspect' in the seventh paragraph on page three. With this change the minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A4 MATTERS ARISING

Presentation on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

Cllr CB highlighted the main aspects of the OSC's remit and noted how ideas from the OSC working group had been included in the new Housing Allocation Policy. He invited representatives from the Voluntary Sector to submit ideas to CM and himself on which areas OSC working groups should focus their attention. The annual programme of activities for scrutiny was to start in September 07. As well as submitting ideas, Voluntary Sector representatives could participate as members of working groups. **Action: Voluntary Sector Members.**

1. Information Sharing

Progress was reported on the use of identifiers but for some agencies working with the Council's Adult Service issues remained to be settled. Cllr SR suggested VOF members meet with officers soon to resolve outstanding issues over 'Contact Point'. **Action: Voluntary Sector Members.**

A5 GENERAL MATTERS

1. Improving Health and Health Care in Kensington and Chelsea - Health Investment Strategy 2008 -2013

PM introduced the report noting that the voluntary sector could help shape the debate over mental health services by raising the right questions. He hoped the voluntary sector could assist in identifying different levels of need across the borough and indicate which services the voluntary sector would be interested in delivering.

PO welcomed the current level of spending on services and asked for a stronger PCT presence on the Older People's Partnership Board. PM believed a new jointly funded post-holder would address this issue.

Cllr FB welcomed the document as a clear statement of clinical priorities and of the location of services. She was pleased with its mental health focus.

Regarding the future direction of mental health services, PM said the Foundation Mental Health Trust and the PCT boards were to meet to clarify the future direction of mental health policies.

In relation to community health services, PM was to seek the Voluntary Sector's views on gaps in service provision. He also asked for feedback over the next 12 months from VOF on service gaps and suggestions on locations for children's centres. **Action: Voluntary Sector Members.**

Cllr SR noted that the Council were disputing central government's claim of a reduction in the borough's population by 30,000. PM confirmed that if a

reduction of this scale was established, it would have an effect on PCT funded services.

LG was to invite new Councillors to the advisory group and three non executive members of the PCT to a briefing on the KCSC.

Cllr BC asked for meeting dates over the next year to be listed at the end of each set of minutes. **Action: MG/JT**

A6 ISSUES RAISED BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

1. Changing Office of National Statistics (ONS) population statistics

Cllr BC was to discuss with the Leader when the VOF should assist over disputing the reduction in population figures. **Action: Cllr BC**

2. Commissioning and Grants from 2008/9

SB reported that this year's discussion with VOF members over next year's service decisions had begun and officers would in addition be starting to consider the commissioning of services for the next three years.

GB drew attention to capacity issues and the need for VOF members to know which model of commissioning was to be used.

SB agreed to Cllr FB's suggestion to send out a written statement with the minutes clarifying issues concerning commissioning. **Action: Post Meeting Note of 23 July: Stella Baillie's statement is to follow.**

SB confirmed the application process for adult services this year would be similar to last year with the same timetable as for the corporate grants to the Voluntary Sector. She recognised the complexity in identifying unit costs but stressed that in this year's negotiations, officers wanted greater clarity over this matter in order to demonstrate that services added value.

Cllr SR commented that some grants for children's services would be maintained for this year although services funded by FCS were moving towards commissioning. She would ask John Wilkinson, Director of Strategy, Commissioning and Performance, to draft a statement clarifying the commissioning model for these services and to for his responses to points raised at workshops to be despatched with the minutes. **Action: Post Meeting Note of 23 July: John Wilkinson's statement is to follow.**

PM noted that where adult social care services were jointly funded, the lead commissioning body would be the main decision maker over these applications.

Cllr SR suggested that officers could organise another meeting with VOF members on commissioning if that was needed. **Action: VOF.**

A7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr BC asked members to bring proposals for the date of the next Annual General meeting to the next meeting of the advisory group. She asked for the minutes to be circulated earlier and in advance of the other papers.

Action: MG and JT.

Cllr SR requested that VOF members consider if they could offer more volunteering opportunities for young people.

Cllr BC asked for the activities of the VOF linked to the Olympics in 2012 to be discussed at the next meeting

Action: MG

On behalf of the advisory group Cllr BC thanked LG for her contributions noting that she had earned many plaudits.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: 30 August, 15 November, 18 March 2008, 10 June, 28 August, 13 November.

The meeting ended at 8.04pm

Chairman