

## Post Meeting Submission by Cllr. Hamish Adourian Regarding Area Governance

I'd like to propose that there be a number of Area Committees established, each of which will be responsible for scrutinising activity across Council departments from the perspective of a group of adjoining wards, and make recommendations that would go to Leadership (which of course could be accepted or rejected). Optionally, it could also have a budget (to be debated where the money would come from), which they alone could decide how to spend, similar to CLLL. They would of course need officer support, similar to other Committees in the Council.

Each Area Committee will initially be composed of the elected Councillors for the wards it represents. Each Committee would decide by itself where and how often to meet (if at all), who will be the chair, and what the agenda would be for each meeting. It would also have the freedom to co-opt members, such as local RA chairs or other stakeholders, as they wished.

I would envisage such 4-5 Area Committees across the Borough, representing North, Central and South Kensington wards, and one for Chelsea. It's possible North Kensington might need two Committees, one for Golborne, Dalgarno and Notting Dale; and one for Pembridge, Norland and Colville. It's likely that only the North Kensington ones will ever meet on a regular basis, but at least the format gives all parts of the Borough equal opportunity in deciding how to govern themselves.