

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

Wednesday 25th May 2011, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Kensington Town Hall, Committee Room 1

Chair: Mary Gardiner (Kensington & Chelsea Social Council)
Attendance list attached

1.	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES (Mary Gardiner - Chief Executive KCSC)	ACTION
1.1	Mary Gardiner welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited people to introduce themselves and their organisation.	
2.	RBKC YOUTH SERVICES – EMPLOYEE LED MUTUAL PATHFINDER PROJECT	
2.1	Brendan O’Keefe gave a presentation on the youth support and development service plans of opting out of local authority control to form a free standing employee led social enterprise.	
2.2	Youth services have been funded by RBKC to the tune of £6 million and the service has generated £200,000, but estimates that through social enterprise, much more income could be generated. Currently the business plan is being developed which will need to be approved by the council. The Mutual will register as a company or community interest company rather than a charity as it frees up the ability to generate income.	
2.3	<p>Brendan stated implications for the voluntary and community sector which include the likelihood of competition as the Mutual will aim to win contracts potentially voluntary organisations aim to win. However, he highlighted that he would want to see a collaborative approach develop between the sector and the Mutual.</p> <p>The Mutual will work with children primarily aged 13 to 19; although play services may join (discussions are underway). Services for disabled children will continue or likely to grow under the new Mutual. The youth service currently deliver peer mentoring services and this will continue.</p>	
2.4	<p>Brendan confirmed that summer activities for 2011 will continue in partnership with local organisations but in the future will be run in conjunction with Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster.</p> <p>Current commissioned contracts such as the Harrow Club will move with the Mutual and would be administered within the Mutual. Mary suggested that a negotiation exercise take place between RBKC and the voluntary sector to ensure grant funding plus extra money is given out to the Mutual to ensure Voluntary sector organisations receive fair share of the money.</p>	KCSC

2.5	<p>The question was asked as to how the new Mutual will affect supplementary schools. Brendan responded that he had not given much thought but would perhaps like to discuss this further. Mary suggested going through KCSC for this discussion to take place.</p> <p>A final question was asked whether the Mutual will commission voluntary and community organisations through a sub-contractual arrangement. Brendan responded that in some cases it would and in other cases it would not.</p>	KCSC
3	RBKC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
3.1	<p>Victoria Hunt highlighted some of the findings from the needs assessment which paints a picture of what it is like to live and grow up in the borough. They are currently trying to collect information on the resident population. The needs assessment looks not just at children and young people but family circumstances too. It covers key stage results, child poverty, children in need, resident population, physical health and domestic violence.</p> <p>Victoria stated that some of the data is missing and out of date (many statistics based on the 2001 census). The information also needs to be interpreted to identify what it will mean for service delivery.</p>	
3.2	<p>Members felt that more evidence presented by the sector could also help add value to the assessment. Some members round the table stated the difference they are beginning to see in their users due to the economic climate such as seeking more debt advice, feeling more stressed, fewer volunteers and more people asking for jobs. A question was also asked about how the council can tap into or work with hard to reach communities to gather evidence. Victoria noted that they are willing to work with the sector to help gather evidence from these communities.</p>	
3.3	<p>Angela Spence gave an update on the current survey being undertaken by KCSC which is gathering evidence on the impact of the cuts on the sector and their users and this information could be used to support the assessment but felt a partnership approach to gathering evidence would be better.</p> <p>Mary urged members to complete the survey and suggested that Kirsten Oehl (KCSC Intern) contact all members to complete the survey.</p> <p>Victoria and Angela agreed to meet for further discussion on the collection of data</p>	KCSC
4.	KCSC FEEDBACK ON DISCUSSION WITH JOANNE HAY	
4.1	<p>Mary began with an update of the meeting held with Joanne Hay following the last CYPF forum. The meeting was also attended by Rosemary Keenan and Clare Richards. A healthy discussion took place on the future of children and families services and RBKC's support for the sector's role in delivering services.</p>	
5	KCSC FEEDBACK ON THE IMPROVING FUTURES BID	

5.1	Mary gave an update on the application which has been submitted to the Big Lottery and thanked those organisations for working together with the social council to get the application completed. The project aims to train local family champions to work with local families. The partnership will be notified of whether it has passed the first stage or not by July.	
6	Dates of upcoming events were announced. Web Launch and NAVCA Quality Award - Friday 27 th May Main VOF - 8 th June, Kensington Town Hall, Committee Room 1, 9.45am - 1pm. Funding Fair Plus - Friday 17 th June, Kensington Town Hall 9.30am - 4pm BVOAG - 15 th June, Kensington Town Hall 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Pre-meet 5.30pm - 6.30pm. KCP - 6 th July, 6pm - 8pm, Venue tbc	
7	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 1ST MARCH 2011 AND MATTERS ARISING	
	<p>Minutes Approved</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p><u>Kensington Academy</u> Robin Tuck provided an update on the consultation meeting held 16th May which was as not as clear and open as it could have been and had a lot of disruption from members of the public. Robin appealed to KCSC to work with Planners to ensure that clear information is sent out to the sector, information should include what people have said they wanted throughout the consultations process, what will actually happen and where and how much it will cost.</p>	KCSC
8	FEEDBACK FROM FORUMS	
8.1	Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group Meeting held 14 th March. Main topics for discussion were the K&C Compact, brief discussions on the Tri Borough developments and rent increases for council tenants from April 2011. Brendan O’Keefe also updated the group on the Employee led mutuals pathfinder project for youth services.	
8.2	Kensington and Chelsea Partnership Meeting held 11th May. Main agenda items included an update on progress of apprentices of the Partnership Apprenticeship Scheme and discussion on future funding. Credit Union update, and changes to housing benefits. Michael also mentioned that the KCP was at a turning point and be restructured so that there will be three business meetings and three developmental meetings a year.	
8.3	Main Voluntary organisation Forum Meeting held 1st March. There was an interactive session preparing questions for the 10th March Tri Borough meeting with Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell. A second round of elections for KCP and BVOAG Reps was held. Elizabeth Usher – Focus K&C gave a presentation on the giving green paper.	

8.4	<p>Children's Trust</p> <p>Rosemary Keenan gave an update on the current Children's Trust which is looking at restructuring and will consist of commissioners involved in decision making. It will not become an executive group with a commissioning function. There will also be a stakeholder group which will advise the executive group and will include voluntary and community organisations as well as children and young people.</p> <p>The Trust is currently developing a vision for the newly revised Children's Trust. Members were given a presentation on re-designing early intervention in relation to high need, context of early intervention, cost effectiveness and being outcome focussed.</p> <p>Review of current services found that there was a high number of referral processes but no clear pathways and duplication of services for some families. There is a high volume of programme activities as well as a high use of families using services who do not live in the borough, this adds to the concern of local organisations funded by RBKC supporting families that live outside of the borough.</p> <p>Critical findings for the borough include 3 main issues identified as toxic, these are – domestic violence, parental mental health and parental substance misuse. These are the three main reasons why children's life chances and outcomes are reduced.</p> <p>Re-designing of services want to see a whole family and multi-disciplinary approach to services and to reduce overlap. Rosemary expressed some concern over the use of 'skimming' which is using more cost effective skills which could be interpreted as using cheaper workers to deliver higher paid skills work.</p> <p>The future of children's services will see more efficient management structures and improvements in commissioning with a focus on parenting. There is a consultation taking place led by Judith Barlow called 'Getting it right for children and young people' Rosemary suggested KCSC contact Judith to attend the next VOF.</p> <p>So whilst currently services are patchy, the aim is that there will now be a hub of services working together to look at levels of risk and then together decide who is the most appropriate agency to take this forward. Local Safeguarding will be in the forefront of tri-borough and so there will be Safeguarding Board.</p>	
9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Training is taking place; organisations can look at the RBKC website for further information. • The School's Forum is looking at the impact of the Cuts • Carers Week will be from 13th to 19th June. An information day will take place on 16th June at KTH 	
10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
10.1	Tuesday 06th September 2011, 10.00am to 12.30pm, Committee Room 3&4, Kensington Town Hall	

ATTENDANCE LIST

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1. ATTENDANCE LIST

	Name	Organisation
1	Mahamed Jamaa	
2	Esma Dukali	Al Hasaniya
3	Florence Chiwetu	Banya
4	Madeline Gilkes	Carers UK
5	Rosemary Keenan	Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)
6	Catherine Clarke	Chapter 1
7	Tavonashe Hungwe	Chapter 1
8	Alex Hanratty	Clement James Centre
9	Julie Palin	Colville
10	Vicki Laville-Davies	Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust
11	Dahabo Guled	Dadihiye Somali Development Organisation
12	Gbemi Olagunju	Earls Court Nursery
13	Flora Taylor	Family Friends
14	Lisa Moor	Harrow Club
15	Helen Salter	Havengrove
16	Faisal Duale	Horseed Community Association
17	Robin Tuck	K&C LINK
18	Kirsten Oehl	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
19	Mary Gardiner (Chair)	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
20	Angela Spence (Minutes)	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
21	Brenda Nambooze	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
22	Warren Koehler	KIDS
23	Abdi Ali	Midaye Somali Development Network
24	Brendan O'Keefe	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
25	Victoria Hunt	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
26	Trevor Hutchinson	Wornington Green Detached Project

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING

	Name	Organisation
1	Meghan Doyle	Notting Hill Housing Trust
2	Heather Boxer	West London Action for Children