

Hammersmith & Fulham

Local Agenda 21 Forum

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29 May 2002

Present Matt Dunckley (Chair) Alex Forrest (LBH&F), Joanna Wa (LBH&F), John Griffiths, Louanne Tranchell, Richard Adam (LBH&F), Sue Ingham, Many Corral, Stephen McAndrews (LBH&F), John Ryan, Chana Kamljit (LBH&F), Chris Amies, John Lamprell-Jarrett, Sumita Sinha, Chris Bainbridge (LBH&F), Alan Watts (LBH&F) and David Wardrop

1 Welcome to new members

2 Apologies for absence Dido Berkeley, Nick, Pollack, Peter Riches, Ged Acton

3 Local Strategic Partnership Penelope Harrison, LBH&F, introduced the Community Empowerment Network for the borough's voluntary and community sector. This funded programme will identify problems and solutions regarding funding, training, IT accessibility (inc equipment and training), capacity building and networking between organisations in the borough. It is expected that this group will have major input to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) which will be the Borough's major decision-making body for allocating government funding across the borough. A committee comprising about six members from the voluntary and community sectors will meet 3/4 times a year, overseeing various *ad hoc* groups which will address specific issues. The programme will be launched in July and the committee will first meet in the Autumn. A steering group will propose an interim structure in time for the launch in July.

4 Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy Chana Kamljit (LBH&F) introduced the draft strategy document which the borough is charged to develop as it is one of the most divided and deprived in the country. It needs to 'bridge the gap' between rich and poor neighbourhoods through partnerships involving local people and stakeholders across the public, private and voluntary sectors. The borough's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy will set out a three-year framework of priorities for the sustainable renewal of its most deprived areas. This sets out to improve health and prosperity, lower unemployment and crime, enhance education and skills, bring about more affordable housing, and an improved physical environment. Target neighbourhoods will be north of Goldhawk and Askew Roads generally, specifically White City; Wormholt; Old Oak; Charecroft and Edward Wood Estates; the Coningham Neighbourhood; North Fulham; and the Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith and Fulham Town Centres. The Borough Partnership (est. 1996) will make the final decision on successful projects which will receive over three years £2.34m from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. Comments on the Strategy document are requested prior to end-July for submission to GOL

on 30 September. For complete document, contact regeneration.team@lbhf.gov.uk

5 Biodiversity Action Plan Stephen McAndrews (LBH&F) introduced the proposed Local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), an evolving strategy and delivery mechanism for the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of biological resources. He envisages the creation of a partnership of various sector interests led by the Forum or the Council. A possible timetable was introduced envisaging the first meeting in July. It was agreed that the Forum should call a meeting of interested parties as soon as possible in time to report to the Deputies meeting in July.

6 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April These were agreed as a true record.

7 Matters arising
7.1 Lots Road Triangle, new housing development Matt reported that he had written to the architects, Terry Farrell & Partners, asking what provision had been made to encourage the new development's residents to recycle waste products.

7.2 Car Free Day, Sunday, 22 September The committee discussed the proposal to make King Street a car-free zone. It was agreed that informal soundings from the local business community would be taken. Also, the Forum will write to Deputy Mike Cartwright supporting the proposal (with the anticipated encouragement of the business community) and that the proposal would be formally submitted to Deputies on 14 July.

7.3 Don't Choke Hammersmith campaign Alex Forrest reported on plans for this extended event which would focus on Lyric Square. The Forum will take a stand on 14 June. Volunteers include Mary Corral, John Lamprell-Jarrett and John Griffiths.

7.4 Ethical Business Forum The Forum discussed a report of the working group and it was agreed that David would contact Mike Robey, Groundwork, seeking information on progress made in contacting the business community. The committee agreed to fund the lamination of a display document (£40).

7.5 Rio+10 report The sub-committee reported on its recent meeting.

7.6 Newsletter Matt reported that several recipients of the *Your Borough Your Future* grants had supplied information on their programmes.

7.7 H&F LA21 A review of the past 9 years A draft six-page review of the issues discussed by the Forum was tabled. David asked for comments on its format and content.

8 Any other business There was none

9 Future meetings

19 June	Trade Justice Week, Lobby, House of Commons
3 July	Executive Meeting
6 July	Godolphin Road Community Carnival
11 September	Executive Meeting