

The Co-operative Council Citizen's Commission

Initial Business Meeting

Wednesday 26th May 2010, 2 pm – 3 pm

Lambeth Town Hall, Room 106

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Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Reed Leader of the Council (Chair); Cllr McGlone; Cllr Meldrum; Derrick Anderson, Chief Executive, Sophia Looney, Divisional Director, Policy, Equality and Performance; Erica Ballmann, Head of Leader's Office; Ofordi Nabokei, Policy Officer, Rebecca Eligon, Interim Head of Research and Consultation; Julian Ellerby, Divisional Director of Campaigns and Communication.

APOLOGIES: Mike Wiltshire, Policy Manager.

1. Progress Update and processes

The meeting was informed of the progress that had been made so far in relation to setting up the commission. The meeting was told that a list of invitees had been drawn up, which aims to cover as many groups and communities as possible. Moreover the meeting heard that a number of dates had been provisionally set up to hold the Commission and were in the process of being invited.

Timeframes for the Commission were discussed and it was decided that the timeframe should be extended to accommodate the number of people that would potentially attend, given that the invitee list was likely to extend, the time required to draw all the information together and to present a final report.

The policy team to finalise Commission dates, logistical arrangements and time frames for the set up and running of the commission (SL)

Plans for consultation and engagement with a wider audience than those who would attend the commission was broadly discussed. The meeting was told of the use of social media to reach a wider audience and capture views. This was being monitored by the communications team. The meeting heard that there were also plans being developed to hold a number of focus groups with a representative group of residents. This work is in development and a costed plan being developed.

The research and consultation team will work with the communications team to draw up a full programme setting out the detail of this engagement (JE/SL)

It was felt that that a number of concrete case studies were needed to make the ideas stated in the White Paper come to life in a practical way

The policy team to look into case studies of co-operatives both locally and nationally(SL)

2. Any other business.

None.

The meeting ended at 2:45 pm