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Kensington Regeneration Annual Report 2007-2008



welcome

Welcome to Kensington Regeneration's annual report for 2007-2008, another very busy year for the Partnership.

Work began on our major housing schemes at Tunnel Road and Gilead Street, and we received approval for the new complex at the corner of Beech Street and Prescott Road which will include 50 new homes, shops, offices and a community fire station.

Ongoing projects like the Community Wardens, the Clean Team, HEAT and Edge Hill Credit Union continued their excellent work in the area, and our community events like the Summer Fun Day were more popular than ever.

We were also delighted to receive external recognition of our work during the year. For example, the Government gave us an 'excellent partnership' assessment and the Kensington Police Team was honoured as Merseyside's Neighbourhood Team of the Year.

This report will tell you more about what has been achieved in Kensington over the last 12 months, and the plans we have to work with you to ensure the area keeps changing for the better.

For now, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to regeneration in 2007-2008, particularly the many local people who were involved and those Board Members and staff who have now moved on to other roles.

With best wishes



Norma Williams
Chair, Kensington Regeneration



Lynn Spencer
Chief Executive, Kensington Regeneration

2007-2008, a year of **achieving**ton

During the 2007-2008 financial year Kensington Regeneration, the new deal for the communities (NDC) scheme in Liverpool, made significant progress in all the key programme areas that together form the improvement plan for Kensington. In total the Partnership invested £7.2 million in projects in the area, attracting a further £8.4 million of funding from other sources. Here are a few of the highlights of the year.

education

- At 94 per cent, attendance in Kensington schools is now better than the Liverpool average.
- Five per cent more pupils achieved five or more A*-C GCSEs in 2007.
- Post-16 staying-on rates are 58 per cent – higher than the city average.
- Kensington Community Learning Centre was recognised as the North West's flagship UK Online Centre.



employment

- Kensington Regeneration helped over 300 residents into work during the year.
- 43 per cent of residents are now in paid employment, three per cent higher than our target.
- Family learning facilities have improved in local schools, the Life Bank and the Field of Dreams Nursery.



housing

- Bellway began work on the first 42 homes at Tunnel Road – the majority will be owned by residents affected by clearance.
- Kensington Regeneration has subsidised the price of 36 homes through an equity loan scheme and other measures.
- Lovell started on 175 new homes at Gilead Street for rent, purchase and shared ownership.
- The average price of a three-bedroom terraced house in the area increased from £25,335 in 2000 to £77,156 in 2007.

health

- The new Flexible Health Fund has already supported 249 local residents.
- More than 2,000 residents benefited from HEAT's advice on health issues linked to housing, energy and benefits.
- Kensington's first complementary health facility, The Healing Space, was established.



community safety

- The New Deal Police Team was honoured as Merseyside's Police Team of the Year.
- Crime figures improved with a 31.5 per cent reduction in robberies and a 27 per cent increase in public confidence.
- The Community Wardens supported 244 vulnerable residents and reported 221 incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- 330 carbon monoxide detectors were distributed to homes in the area.



environment

- Kensington Clean Team collected enough rubbish to fill 132 large skips during the year.
- Liverpool City Council and Kensington NDC helped to improve over 100 homes in the Holt Road area.
- A 'good neighbour agreement' was launched in Fairfield, encouraging residents to play a leading role in the management of their area.
- Derelict shops have been demolished in the area to create new development sites.



community

- The Summer Fun Day and One World Month brought thousands of residents together.
- The fourth Kensington Community Awards honoured the area's local heroes.
- New Communities Fund grants totalling £77,046 were given to 48 local groups.
- Local young people created their own magazine, Kids in Kenny.

looking forward...

- Work will start on the new homes, shops and fire station at the Beech Street complex.
- Developers will progress a £60-million scheme to transform the Littlewoods building on Edge Lane into 276 new homes and commercial units.
- Consultation will be completed on plans to create a new Royal Liverpool Hospital by 2015.
- Kensington Regeneration Community Interest Company has been created as one way of carrying on the Partnership's work beyond 2010.



how we are managed

Kensington Regeneration is a partnership that includes the local community, local businesses and the public and voluntary sectors. Board Members representing these different stakeholder groups work together to direct the overall policy of the Partnership, and agree how the grant from the Government's New Deal for Communities programme should be spent on projects to regenerate the area. These projects are then implemented by a staff team working with a wide range of partner organisations and agencies.

Kensington Regeneration would like to thank all the Board Members and staff who have served over the past year, including the following people who have moved on:

David Lewis, Pauline Sui, Mark Kitts, Karen Harold, Jane Paton, Anita Budyn, Janet Grimes, Frank Richardson and Claire Bullen.

Board Members as at March 31st 2008 were:

Chair and Vice Chair

Norma Williams, Chair (Edge Hill)
Richie Keenan, Vice Chair
(Parks Community Forum)

Resident Community Representatives

James Baptista (Edge Hill)
Pat Dermott (Fairfield)
Val McGrath (Fairfield)
John Caton (Holly Road)
Pat Doyle (Holly Road)
Enid Bristow (Holt Road)
Katherine Gray (Holt Road)
Pat Barton (Kensington Fields)
Anthony Graham (Kensington Fields)

BME Representatives

Ola Laoye
Madeline Heneghan

Agency Representatives

Jeanette Pilsbury (Liverpool Primary Care Trust)
Cath Green (Liverpool City Council)
Inspector Dave Charnock (Merseyside Police)
Tom McGuire (Community Seven)
Tony Baines (Greater Merseyside Learning and Skills Council)

Accountable Body Representatives

Cllr Louise Baldock
Cllr Frank Doran

Community Representative

Graham Bell (Parks Community Forum)

Business Representatives

Graham Knott (Business Leaders Group)

Co-optees

Norma Lee
Doreen Morris

Board Observers

Diane Walton (Housing Corporation)
Andy Callaghan (Government Office for the North West)
Hilary Russell (John Moores University)
Lesley Halsall (Greater Merseyside Connexions)
Pauline Davis (NewHeartlands)

our people



Kensington Regeneration Board Members and staff pictured at the Partnership's Job Bank offices on Tunnel Road

The Kensington Regeneration Board is supported by a staff team including:

Lynn Spencer, Chief Executive

Lynn manages the staff team and has overall responsibility for the implementation of New Deal projects. She provides advice and support to the Board on policy, strategy and operational matters, works with all the committees and ensures local people remain at the heart of the programme.

George Allen, Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Manager

George and his team work with members of the Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee on projects to improve educational attainment in schools, raise skills levels amongst adults and help residents to find jobs.

Alan Kelly, Community Regeneration Manager

Alan and his team work alongside local people on the Community and Quality of Life Committee on projects focusing on health, crime and community safety and support for community groups and BME residents.

Cathy Williams, Physical Regeneration Manager

Cathy and her team work alongside members of the Development, Housing, Environment and Neighbourhood Services Committee on housing schemes, environmental improvements and neighbourhood management projects in the area.

Anne-Marie Turner, Operations and Finance Manager

Anne-Marie and her team manage the Partnership's finance, project appraisal and monitoring systems and support the marketing of the programme, working with members of the Operations Committee and the Communications Committee.

our performance

This expenditure enabled the Partnership to implement the schedule of projects set out in its delivery plan for the year, leading to the wide range of benefits for the area outlined elsewhere in this report.

This in turn has resulted in the Partnership making significant progress towards its goal of creating real and lasting change for the better in the area, which will transform the lives of the local community.

Official reports support this view. A national MORI survey, commissioned by the Government, evaluated the work of the Partnership and concluded that it is having a really positive impact on life in the area.

Meanwhile, the Department for Communities and Local Government has recognised Kensington Regeneration as one of the top-performing partnerships in the country by awarding it an 'excellent' grading.

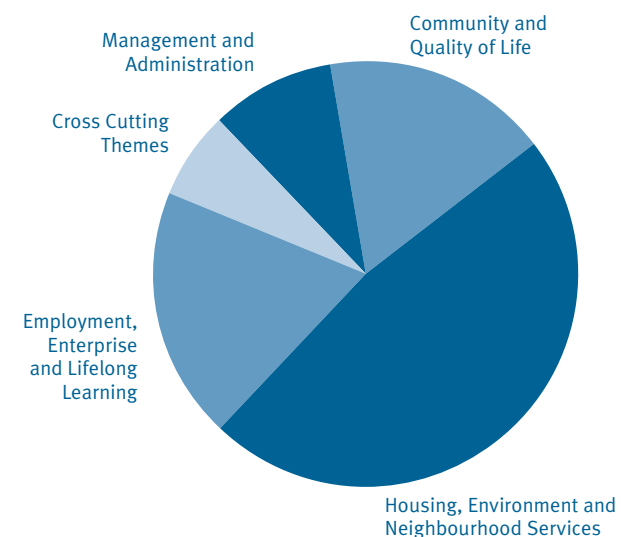
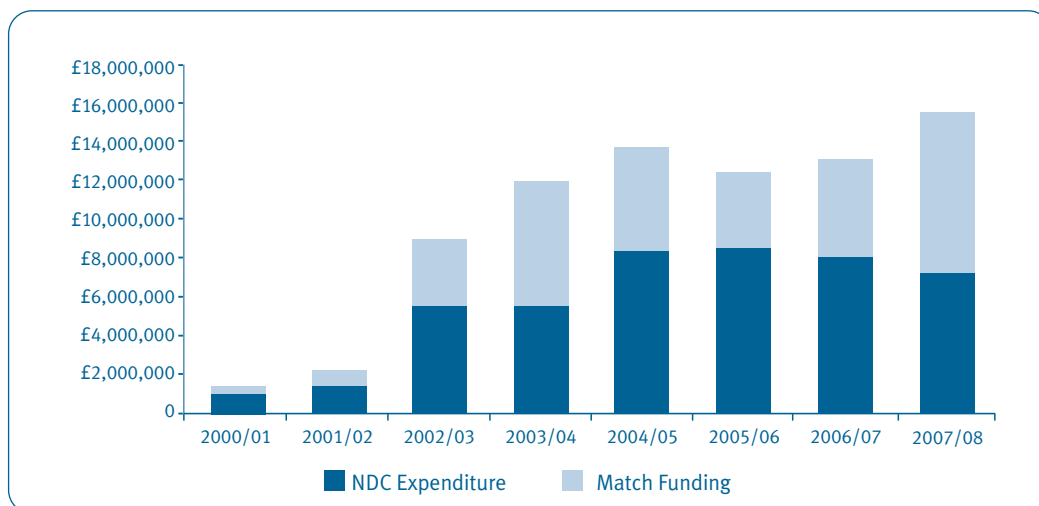
Total NDC expenditure by theme 2007-2008

EXPENDITURE BY THEME	CAPITAL	REVENUE	TOTAL
Community and Quality of Life	114,485	974,296	1,088,781
Housing, Environment and Neighbourhood Services	2,886,998	552,463	3,439,461
Employment, Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	–	1,516,943	1,516,943
Cross Cutting Themes	–	411,500	411,500
Management and Administration	–	706,315	706,315
Total NDC Expenditure 2007-2008	3,001,483	4,161,517	7,163,000

Programme spend to date 2000-2008

	NDC SPEND	MATCH FUNDING
2000/01	£1,060,822	£329,127
2001/02	£1,410,797	£814,539
2002/03	£5,514,119	£3,458,382
2003/04	£5,553,036	£6,343,339
2004/05	£8,320,747	£5,356,689
2005/06	£8,513,719	£3,867,827
2006/07	£8,089,039	£5,058,815
2007/08	£7,163,000	£8,273,012
TOTAL	£45,625,279	£33,501,730

NDC and match funding expenditure 2000-2008



The Kensington New Deal area is situated close to Liverpool city centre, the beginning of the M62 motorway and Wavertree Technology Park.



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