Kensington Regeneration is a partnership that was set up in 2000 to manage a £62-million grant from the Government’s New Deal for Communities (NDC) programme to improve life in Kensington over a ten-year period.

The Kensington NDC area is divided into five neighbourhoods – Kensington Fields, Holt Road, Edge Hill, Holly Road and Fairfield. The Kensington Regeneration partnership is community-led. The Board includes residents from all five neighbourhoods as well as representatives from public-sector bodies that serve Kensington including Liverpool City Council, Merseyside Police and Liverpool PCT. Local businesses, the community and voluntary sector and black and minority ethnic communities are also represented.

The Board directs the overall policy of the partnership and has an overview of all the projects funded by the NDC grant.

An executive team is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of these projects, working with representatives of the partner organisations involved.

Kensington Regeneration has had a really positive impact on life in the area since 2000. Its achievements include:

- Major new facilities like Kensington Community Sports Centre, the Life Bank and the Academy of St Francis of Assisi.
- Funding extra resources for local schools and education projects like Music for Life.
- Helping residents to find jobs and also to gain qualifications at venues like the award-winning Kensington Community Learning Centre.
- Major new housing developments at Lomond Road/Grampian Road, Tunnel Road and Gilead Street.
- Projects to tackle crime and improve community safety including the Kensington Police Team, the community wardens, new CCTV cameras and alleygating schemes.
- Environmental improvements across the area and the creation of the Kensington Clean Team.
- Promoting healthy living through new facilities like the Sports Centre and Birchfield Park and the work of the Health Energy Advice Team.
- Funding the work of local community groups and organising major events like the Kensington Community Awards and the Kensington Summer Fun Day.

On the success of the programme:

“A lot of really good things have happened in Kensington. We should be shouting from the rooftops about them.”

James Jones – Bishop of Liverpool

On Kensington Regeneration’s work with schools:

“I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making the Kensington education programme such a success.”

Colin Hilton – Chief Executive – Liverpool City Council

On Kensington Police Team being named Team of the Year:

“Their courage, commitment and professionalism never fails to inspire. They are helping to make us the best in the country.”

Bernard Hogan-Howe – Chief Constable of Merseyside

On Kensington Community Learning Centre:

“The centre’s results are exceptional, and its retention rates are double the national average.”

Judges of the prestigious Regeneration & Renewal Awards

(All figures quoted as at December 31st 2008)