

## Lewisham Strategic Partnership

7<sup>th</sup> June 2010

It was agreed that as per the constitution the Mayor will continue to Chair the LSP. It was also agreed that Chris Melville will continue as Vice Chair.

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The Mayor Steve Bullock set out his key priorities for the next 4 years recognising the difficulties that can be expected

- Lewisham Council expects that there will be millions of pounds reduction in funding but as of yet there is no information from Government about what this will be
  - The focus needs to be on working in partnership, as if the public, business or community sector try to work in isolation they will face difficulties and delivery of services will not be as effective
  - Lewisham council and PCT recently signed an agreement on the future of adult services
  - The relationship between statutory and third sector will be critical over the coming years. How the statutory sector will support the community sector will add some challenges
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A briefing from The Audit Commission was circulated announcing the conclusion of the Comprehensive Area Assessment in line with plans announced by the new Government.

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Kevin Sheehan gave a detailed presentation titled Lewisham Today which provides demographic information on matters such as employment rates, education and health etc.

Particular points of interest included:

- Lewisham has the highest proportion of residents without at least a level 2 qualification compared to other London boroughs

- Lewisham's employment rate is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in London
- Lewisham has a relatively young population with the largest age groups being early 30s
- Eight Lewisham parks have been awarded Green Flag Status
- In a recent Mori poll
  - 54% of people were in favour of cuts in public spending, which reduced to 46% when the detail of the consequences of cuts was pointed out
  - 49% agreed that people should get more involved in improving services but only 28% would do so themselves

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