



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2007
7.30 PM**

SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA (SCRUTINY)

**COMMITTEE ROOM 3
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP, SET OUT BELOW, IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 27 MARCH 2007. THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WILL ELECT THE CHAIRMAN ON 27 MARCH 2007.

Councillors:

Ashok Kulkarni
Mrs Vina Mithani
Narinder Singh Mudhar
Stanley Sheinwald

Ms Nana Asante
Graham Henson
Jerry Miles (VC)

Reserve Members:

1. Dinesh Solanki
2. Yogesh Teli
3. Joyce Nickolay
4. Jeremy Zeid

1. Mano Dharmarajah
2. Phillip O'Dell
3. Dhirajlal Lavingia

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HARROW COUNCIL

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AGENDA - PART I

1. **Appointment of Chairman:**

To note the changes in membership and the appointment of the Chairman at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 27 March 2007 for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006/07.

2. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) the meeting notes at the start of the meeting at the item 'Reserves' that the Reserve Member is or will be attending as a reserve;
- (iv) if a Reserve Member whose intention to attend has been noted arrives after the commencement of the meeting, then that Reserve Member can only act as a Member from the start of the next item of business on the agenda after his/her arrival.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Committee, Sub Committee, Panel or Forum;
- (b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.

4. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

To consider whether any of the items listed on the agenda should be considered with the press and public excluded on the grounds that it is thought likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence or of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

5. **Minutes:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2006 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

[Note: The 28 November 2006 minutes are published on the Council's intranet and website].

6. **Public Questions:**
To receive questions (if any) from local residents/organisations under the provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8.
7. **Petitions:**
To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 9.
8. **Deputations:**
To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10.
9. **References from Council and Other Committees/Panels:**
To receive any references from Council and/or other Committees or Panels.
10. **Question and Answer Session with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise:**
11. **Preliminary discussion on 2007/08 Work Programme:**
Verbal report.
- Enc. 12. **Scrutiny Annual Report for 2006/07:** (Pages 1 - 6)
Report of the Director of People, Performance and Policy (Business Development).
13. **Any Other Business:**
Which the Chairman has decided is urgent and cannot otherwise be dealt with.

AGENDA - PART II - NIL

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Meeting:	Sustainable Development and Enterprise
Date:	28 March 2007
Subject:	Scrutiny Annual Report for 2006/07
Key Decision: <i>(Executive-side only)</i>	Not applicable
Responsible Officer:	Paul Najsarek, Director of People, Performance and Policy (Business Development)
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr David Ashton (Business Development)
Status:	Part I
Encs:	Draft Chairman's report on the work of the Sustainable Development and Enterprise Sub-Committee 2006-07

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report requests agreement on the wording for the Sustainable Development and Enterprise section of the Scrutiny Annual Report, which will be published in May.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Sub-Committee is requested to:

- 1) Agree the wording of the annual report, as attached at Appendix 1.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

Background

Every year the Overview and Scrutiny Committee produces an annual report, outlining its achievements over the last year and identifying projects for the next. This helps to promote accountability to residents, and also highlights the work that scrutiny does as an independent voice to improve services.

All of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees are being consulted on their particular draft Chair's report before the inclusion of the section in the full annual report, which will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their next meeting.

Suggested wording for Sustainable Development and Enterprise's section is provided at Appendix 1.

Resource and legal implications

There are no cost implications for this report.

Article 6.03(d) of the Council Constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will report annually to full Council on its activities.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Evans
Monitoring Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Travers

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Contact: Ed Hammond, Scrutiny Officer, W3, 3rd Floor Civic 1, 020 8420 9205

Background Papers:

None

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Community Safety (s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998)	NO
4.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Introduction

2006/07 has been a busy first year for the Sustainable Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Having developed a provisional work programme for the four years of this council, until 2010, we have been able to be more flexible than might previously have been possible in planning and timetabling work, taking a long, strategic view when necessary and concentrating on items which have been identified as particular priorities.

With that in mind, we have already completed three pieces of work. Over the summer of 2006, members examined water management and drought, holding a challenge panel at which the Head of Strategic Planning at Three Valleys Water was asked about the drought situation over summer 2006. At the same time, other members of the committee took part in a light touch review looking at the possibility of producing a borough information pack for residents, which resulted in a number of recommendations relating to the accessibility of the council's website, partnership with other public bodies and community cohesion.

In October, another challenge panel, examining the borough's proposals for economic development and regeneration, resulted in a series of findings which have been used to support the development of Harrow's Economic Development Strategy. We also took this opportunity to update the findings and recommendations of last year's Review of Tourism, carried out by the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

At committee

Agenda items

At committee, we have conducted discussions with officers on a wide range of issues, including the Local Area Agreement and performance information, and particularly on local transport issues, on which we received a detailed report and engaged in discussion at our meeting in November. The new scrutiny methods recently developed have allowed some items which would previously have been considered at sub-committee to be considered at challenge panels or other such meetings – the economic development challenge panel is a case in point – which has led to agendas and meetings that have been more focussed and shorter.

Attendance by Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise attended the sub-committee on 28 March to answer members' questions..

In-depth review

This year work has been carried out on one in-depth review, of demography and demographic change. This review is currently midway through its evidence gathering process and it is hoped that it can be concluded in the 2007/08 municipal year.

Demographic change is a trend which will affect fundamentally the way the council and its partners deliver services to the local community. An ageing population, increase in ethnic diversity and increases in the number of people living alone are just three of the significant and ongoing trends that will affect the way that the council and its partners do business.

The purpose of the review of demography and demographic change was to analyse how the council and its partners are able to meet this challenge, how demographic information is used to plan services and how demographic information might be used to assist in bids for funding from grants.

A number of meetings were planned. At the time of writing, two preliminary seminars have been held to gather information about current demographic trends. The next stage of the project would be two further evidence gathering meetings, involving stakeholders from across the council and private and voluntary sectors. The scope for the review then makes provision for decisions on how to proceed with a broad public engagement exercise, canvassing local people for their views on demographic change.

Ongoing work of the committee

The Sustainable Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Sub-Committee has a number of items which continue to be reported on regularly as a matter of good practice. These include: the monitoring of a number of council strategies:

- Transport Local Implementation Plan
- Housing Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Tourism Strategy

as well as the monitoring of services more generally through the use of the Strategic Performance Report and Quarterly Monitoring Reports, where appropriate.

Future plans

A number of other projects are in the pipeline, which have been taken from the 2006-2010 work programme prepared last year.

- Energy use – this light touch review, looking at the council's response to global concerns about energy relating to climate change and the phenomenon of "peak oil", has already been scoped, and will be conducted later in the year.
- Partnership – an in-depth review of the council's approach to partnership with other bodies, taking as a case study the West London Partnership, is timetabled for the 2007/08 period.
- Housing – a consideration of the council's Housing Strategy, and a wider discussion of house issues as they impact upon the private sector.
- Transport – an examination of the relationship between the council and TfL.
- Demography projects – additional small projects delving into specific issues highlighted as part of this year's review of demography and demographic change will be taking place.

The 2007/08 work programme will be confirmed in June.

Cllr Stanley Sheinwald

Chairman (appointment to be agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 March 2007), Sustainable Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Water management and drought planning challenge panel

Cllr Jerry Miles (Chairman)

Cllr Julia Merison
Cllr Yogesh Teli
Cllr Sue Hall
Cllr Eileen Kinnear (as portfolio holder)

Co-optees: Sarah Kersey (HA21)

Residents' information pack light touch review group

Cllr Ashok Kulkarni (Chairman)
Cllr Nana Asante
Cllr Yogesh Teli

Economic development and tourism challenge panels

Cllr Richard Romain (Chairman, Economic development)
Cllr Jerry Miles (Chairman, Tourism)
Cllr Lurline Champagnie
Cllr Thaya Idaikkadar
Cllr John Nickolay

Co-optees: former councillor Alan Blann, Martin Verden (Harrow Heritage Trust), John Hollingdale (HA21), Allen Pluck (Harrow in Business), Brian Noble (Business Link 4 London)

Demography review group

Cllr Richard Romain (Chairman)
Cllr Paul Scott
Cllr Graham Henson
Cllr David Ashton (as portfolio holder)

Statistics

Committee meetings:	4
Reports considered:	12
External witnesses involved:	4
Number of reviews:	4
Attendance by portfolio holder:	1

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