

CABINET - 13 SEPTEMBER 2012

PROGRESS ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

Review	Methodology	Type of report	Expected date for report to Cabinet	Comments
Standing Review of Better Deal for Residents Programme	Standing Review	Regular update reports to O&S and interim and final report to O&S and Cabinet	NA – dependent upon the decision of Overview and Scrutiny committee on 20 th September.	Following the introduction of the Transformation 2 (T2) programme, the Overview and Scrutiny committee will consider at its meeting on 20 th September a recommendation from the Scrutiny Leadership Group (SLG) to close the Standing Review of the Better Deal for Residents. The Overview and Scrutiny committee is also being asked to continue to monitor the T2 programme via the Performance and Finance sub committee and the SLG. Further work on specific projects may be undertaken as T2 progresses.
Standing Review of the Budget	Standing Review	Regular update reports to O&S and interim and final report to O&S and Cabinet	A report outlining findings from the review's consideration of Major Contract Renewal process is being prepared for consideration at the September meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny committee.	The work programme includes consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital and place - September • HRA self financing - October • Business rate retention scheme - November • Fees and charges - December
Engaging with Young People	This project has been completed			
Debt Recovery	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Dependent upon the availability of further work re the potential to centralise the debt recovery processes - TBC	A report to the review from the Director of Finance regarding the review recommendations was anticipated for June. This information has not yet been provided. Further work in this area is dependent on the Director's proposals.
Private Sector Housing	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	September 2012	The review report is to be received by Cabinet in September and presented in October.

Customer Care	Light touch review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	Resource constraints have meant that work on this review has been deferred. The project will commence in September.
Safeguarding Children	This project has completed. Further work may be included in the scrutiny work programme as part of the consideration of the Ofsted improvement plan			
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 'Shaping a Healthier Future'	Joint Committee with Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Richmond, Camden and Wandsworth	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet (for information) and NHS NW London	November	The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has begun considering evidence. A special meeting of the Health and Social Care sub committee, to be held in Northwick Park hospital on 19 th September, will consider the views of local stakeholders with regard to impact of overall changes in Harrow. Consultation is expected to run for about 14 weeks until early October.
Libraries and Leisure Contract	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Portfolio Holder for incorporation into final report to Cabinet	The portfolio holder and Divisional Director attended the challenge panel and the recommendations from the challenge panel will be referred directly to them rather than to Cabinet.	The challenge panel has met and report has been drafted.

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