

RECOMMENDATION I

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

9 APRIL 2013

Chairman:	* Councillor Jerry Miles	
Councillors:	* Ann Gate * Krishna James * Zarina Khalid * Barry Macleod-Cullinane	* Chris Mote (1) * Paul Osborn * Sasi Suresh (4) * Stephen Wright
Voting Co-opted:	(Voluntary Aided) † Mrs J Rammelt Reverend P Reece	(Parent Governors) * Mrs A Khan
Non-voting Co-opted:	Harrow Youth Parliament Representative	

- * Denotes Member present
- (1), (4) Denote category of Reserve Members
- † Denotes apologies received

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

385. Draft Annual Report 2012-13

The Committee received a report of the Divisional Director of Strategic Commissioning which enclosed the scrutiny annual report 2012-13. The report summarised the activities of the scrutiny committees and scrutiny lead councillors and outlined priorities for the next municipal year.

In response to the reference on page 5 of the report to public questions and petitions, a Member expressed the view that there appeared to be no evidence that the Council was listening to residents. The Member stated that he could not see any change of opinion or policy as a result of petitions and or questions. Another Member suggested that this matter be addressed at the Scrutiny Leadership Group and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee. The relevant Portfolio Holder and Head of Communications should be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the matter of resident engagement with the decision making process.

The Policy Lead for Environment and Enterprise stated that the report on his area gave a flavour of the content of the main report. There had been issues in terms of the Harrow Residents' card and the consultation report was awaited.

The Policy Lead for Community Health and Well Being advised that he and the Performance Lead would like to consider recreational activities for the elderly. A member of the Committee asked whether there had been any measurement of the success of the gyms in parks and the Policy Lead advised he would seek to clarify the position. He advised that cross party working was required to encourage the use of the gyms in parks. He also suggested that the introduction of 'trim trails' be considered.

In terms of mental health provision, a Member sought reassurance that that the Leads for Health and Social Care and Community Health and Well Being were working together. The Policy Lead for Community Health and Well Being confirmed that this was the case although further work was required.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To Council)

That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2012-13 be approved