

# **REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
<b>Subject:</b>	Report from the Accessible Transport Scrutiny Review
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap Divisional Director – Strategic Commissioning
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	Councillor Philip O'Dell – Performance lead Environment and Enterprise Councillor Stephen Wright – Policy lead Environment and Enterprise
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Report from the Accessible Transport Scrutiny Review Appendix A: Evidence from the Accessible Transport Scrutiny Review

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report outlines the findings and recommendations of the Accessible Transport Scrutiny Review with regard to the accessibility of public transport in the Borough.

### **Recommendations:**

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Consider the report of the Accessible Transport Scrutiny review
- II. Agree the recommendations included in the report
- III. Refer the review's recommendations to cabinet for consideration

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

Despite much of the work done by the Council and its partners, significant barriers to accessible transport still exist. Accessibility to transport is an issue raised time and time again by residents of Harrow – both by residents with

disabilities and without. These concerns have been the main drivers for this review.

The review group has sought to identify the extent and significance of barriers to accessible transport in Harrow by interacting and travelling along with residents. With this knowledge, the review group has suggested improvements for the Council to undertake in cooperation with its partners.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report. However, if the report's recommendations are accepted, the services considered will provide detail of any costs likely to be incurred.

### **Performance Issues**

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

### **Environmental Impact**

There is no environmental impact associated with this report. However, if the report's recommendations are accepted, this may encourage the use of public transport.

### **Risk Management Implications**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

### **Equalities implications**

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

An Equality Impact Assessment was not carried out as the report includes no proposals for service change. Where changes result from the acceptance of this report's recommendations, these will be accompanied by an Equalities Impact Assessment.

### **Corporate Priorities**

- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need.
- United and involved communities: A Council that listens and leads.

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

### **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** No