REPORT FOR:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	25 th February 2014
Subject:	Corporate Plan
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting – Corporate Director Resources
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	ALL
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Corporate Plan

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report forms part of an integrated series of papers (that include the budget papers) which are to be considered by Cabinet on 13th February and Council on 27th February.

The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's strategic direction, vision and priorities for the year ahead. Cabinet will have considered the plan by the time O&S meet, but it will then go on to be formally adopted by Council on 27th February.

Recommendations:

O&S are asked to comment on the Corporate Plan.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out the strategic direction for the authority, its vision, priorities and key initiatives which describe and illustrate our programme of activity for the forthcoming year and against which the Council

is happy to be judged. The Corporate Plan is also the narrative that accompanies the budget, which will be considered by Cabinet and Council in February.

In September 2013, a new Conservative administration took control of the Council, following a period of an Independent Labour administration, with a clear set of priorities to make Harrow Cleaner, Safer and Fairer. The Corporate Plan is amended to reflect this new political direction.

The Plan also sets out the challenges facing the Council beyond 2015 and the questions that will have to be answered if we are to lever out further significant savings including: thinking about the Council's future shape and size; how to deliver services in collaboration with partners and residents, how to generate new funding streams and understanding how earlier intervention can improve outcomes and save money.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget 2014-15

Performance Issues

A set of performance indicators are presented as measurement of each of the corporate priorities in the Corporate Plan. The performance implications of the Corporate Plan are also set out in the Final Revenue Budget 2014-15.

Environmental Impact

The environmental implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Risk Management Implications

The risk management implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Equalities Implications

The equalities implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the EQIA for Final Revenue Budget 2014-15

Corporate Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets the Council's corporate priorities. The Corporate Plan is one of the plans which must be approved by Council.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Simon George	X Chief Financial Officer	
Date: 30 th January 2014		

Name: Hugh Peart	X Monitoring Officer
Date: 3rd February 2014	

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

<u>Strategic Performance Report – Quarter 2</u> Revenue Budget Papers 2014-15 – also on the agenda