

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

8 APRIL 2014

Chairman:	* Councillor Jerry Miles	
Councillors:	* Sue Anderson * Marilyn Ashton * Mano Dharmarajah * Chris Mote	* Phillip O'Dell * Anthony Seymour * Lynda Seymour (2) * Victoria Silver (1)
Voting Co-opted:	(Voluntary Aided) Mrs J Rammelt Reverend P Reece	(Parent Governors) Mrs A Khan
Non-voting Co-opted:	† Harrow Youth Parliament Representative	
In attendance: (Councillors)	Tony Ferrari Janet Mote Paul Osborn	Minute 502 Minute 504,506 Minute 501, 502

- * Denotes Member present
- (1) and (2) Denote category of Reserve Members
- † Denotes apologies received

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

501. Scrutiny Annual Report 2013-14

The Committee received a report of the Divisional Director of Strategic Commissioning which accompanied the scrutiny annual report 2013/14. The officer advised that the Council's Constitution required the Committee to report annually on its activities to Council. Given that the report was the last of the current administration it was also helpful to leave a legacy to the scrutiny members of the new administration.

The Chair expressed his gratitude to all scrutiny members, leads, the Scrutiny Manager and her team and the Democratic Services officer for their work. He made particular mention of the upheaval and difficulties face by the scrutiny team during the current municipal year. Other Members endorsed the sentiments expressed adding that the work completed with limited resources and changes in personnel was to be commended.

The Portfolio Holder for Communications, Performance and Resources and former Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee expressed his thanks to the Chair stating that the tone he had set had helped scrutiny to be as effective as it had. In his view, scrutiny was most effective when councillors worked together. Another Member added that she had found her time as a scrutiny member both enjoyable and worthwhile as members from different political groups worked together for the benefit of the Council.

A Member indicated that it may be helpful to expand the report in terms of the section on the mental health. She would discuss this with the officer separately.

With reference to community use of borough parks, a Member reported that two further green gyms were to be installed. In addition, he had received trim trail plans from Italy but they required translation.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the annual report be submitted to Council for endorsement.