

## Proposed Scrutiny Work Programme August 2014

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<b>The Funding Challenge - saving £75m from the Council's budget</b>  Including annual budget Q&A with Leader & CX Standing review of the budget	<b>Project 1</b>	Revenue budget Challenge Panel in January to look at 2015/16 budget and results of resident consultation on the budget before February Cabinet. Other budget and finance issues to be covered by P&F	High
Capital Programme underspend	P&F Cmte	Also to be considered in January to link with the challenge panel on the revenue budget above and be able to influence 2015/16 budget proposals	High
	<b>Project 4</b>	Challenge Panel to pick up Capital expenditure profile and the mitigations being applied to reduce slippage of capital spend as has been highlighted in recent years delivery. To also pick up delivery against current timescales	High
<b>Children's services performance</b>  Children leaving care, transition arrangements and connections between childrens and housing re: homelessness  SEND Act implementation	Leads <b>Project 6</b>  O&S Cmte	Children's Scrutiny Leads to monitor and raise any issues at Scrutiny Leadership Group Light touch review, need to explore any potential links with welfare project. Important to pick up the transition arrangements between Childrens and Adults. Draft transition plan required by 1st Sept 2014. To be reconsidered at O&S in February on impact to date and response to this.	High  High

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A child's journey through the care system Ofsted results and improvement planning	TBC Leads	Not profiled currently Children's Scrutiny Leads to monitor and raise any issues at Scrutiny Leadership Group Scheduled for 16th Sept Light touch review	TBC Post inspection
Youth Justice Plan Closing the gap in educational attainment	O&S Cmte <b>Project 8</b>		Med High
<b>Council's regeneration plans</b> Lessons learnt from town centre regeneration, effectiveness of consultation, durability of materials used, public perceptions, effect on economic activity	<b>O&amp;S Cmte</b>	Request for a report to come to O&S (October/November) covering aspects set out in the theme to determine whether further project work should	High
<b>Support &amp; Development to local businesses with a focus on getting young people into work</b> Understanding the support and advice to local businesses, specifically with regards to support to young people, e.g. long-term unemployed, apprenticeships, zero-hours contracts, retraining and also exploring the co-operation between or duplication between support organisations with any links to such things as inward investment and LEP.	<b>Project 9</b>	Light touch review, and to involve leads in the review if possible	Med
<b>West London Waste Plan</b>	O&S Cmte	24th Feb 2015	Med
<b>Council Tax Support review</b>	O&S Cmte	18th Nov 2014	High
	<b>Project 2a</b>	Challenge Panel to look at current impact of scheme, linked to considerations set out in the Welfare Reform impact project (see below) to feed into O&S in November which considers the scheme. Therefore Challenge Panel in October.	High
<b>School expansion programme</b> a) travel plans b) Capital investment and current delivery against programme c) Roll out of free school meals for reception	<b>Project 5</b> P&F Cmte O&S Cmte	Challenge Panel	High High High
<b>Libraries &amp; Leisure Contract or lessons learnt for future shared services</b>	<b>Project 6</b>	Ealing have asked to do a joint review, therefore do through a joint challenge panel. Contracts started in Sept 2013.	Low

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<b>Impact of Welfare Reforms on residents in the borough</b> a) Using the model used by scrutiny in the accessible transport review, undertake a day in the life of...customer's experience of navigating the help, support and benefits system to understand the impact of welfare reforms and the prevalence of fuel poverty, child poverty, payday loans, the impact of the Council's debt policy, affordability of rents or having to move out of the borough, access and use of Emergency Relief Scheme, access to and impact of welfare to work schemes and use of B&B and moving people out of borough. b) Preparations for introduction of universal credit c) Impact on Access Harrow	<b>Project 2b</b>  O&S Cmte Leads	In-depth review  Timetable for universal roll-out by Government is currently uncertain Resources Scrutiny Leads to investigate extent of issue in Harrow and feed back to Scrutiny Leadership Group	High  Low Low
<b>Impact of resource reductions on Access Harrow Performance</b>	Leads	Pick up through briefings with Corporate Director	Med
<b>Staff sickness absence and recruitment &amp; retention</b>	P&F Cmte		High
<b>Staff Survey Results</b>	O&S Cmte		Med
<b>IT contract re-tendering</b>	P&F Cmte		High
<b>Violence Against Women &amp; Girls Strategy, action plan and investment</b>	<b>Project 10</b>	Possibly one year after strategy and investment have been approved. Link to Centre for Public Scrutiny work?	High
<b>Housing</b> Update on delivery of the recommendations from the Private Sector Housing Review Update on Homes for Harrow	P&F Cmte O&S Cmte	Cmte to be considered at to be determined Cmte to be considered at to be determined	Med Med
<b>"Harrow First" local procurement -</b> What is the plan, how is it tracking, what is best practice, social value act, apprenticeships <b>Waste collection strategy</b> Improvements, communications, flats, efficient and cost effective, different ways of delivering	O&S Cmte <b>Project 7</b> Leads	Commercial and procurement strategy is scheduled to come to September O&S  E&E Leads to follow up with Directorate and advise if it should be an up front piece of work that influences the proposals or something that comes to committee later to allow scrutiny of the actual proposals? Timing would be dependent on commissioning panel proposals	Med  High

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<b>Continue participation in Joint Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) for Shaping a Healthier Future Programme</b>	<b>Project 3</b>	The chair and vice-chair of the Health sub-cmte are the Council reps to this committee. The officer capacity required to support participation in this committee and its links with the merger with Ealing Hospitals and CQC inspection action plans means we have to consider it a policy project	High
<b>Progress of Public Health transition to the local authority</b>	Health Cmte	On agenda for 4th Sept. After this for CHW Scrutiny Leads to follow up and raise any potential issues for scrutiny at Scrutiny Leadership group	
<b>How the Council is successfully becoming a Public Health Authority</b>	O&S Cmte	Consideration of how the Council is taking on fully its public health responsibilities, rather than a focus on public health delivery following transition to the Council.	Med
<b>Health inequalities and well-being outcomes - disparities between the east and west of the borough</b>	<b>Project 12</b>	Not urgent, could be next year	Low
<b>Merger of Ealing Hospital Trust and North West London Hospital Trust</b>	Health Cmte	Mergers take place in Sept/Oct, report going to HWB in September. Link to SaHF and CQC inspection action plans	High
<b>Mental Health service provision</b>	Health Cmte		
<b>CQC inspection of local care homes</b>	Health Cmte	New powers only just come into effect and not been used yet	Med
<b>CQC inspection results of RNOH and NWL and action plans</b>	Health Cmte	Reports published August; bring commissioner and provider? Cmte and Health Scrutiny Leads should prioritise scrutinising performance against the action plan and connections to SaHF and Merger with Ealing Hospitals	High
<b>Protocol for working together – Harrow Scrutiny &amp; HWB</b>	<b>Project 13</b>	No protocol currently exists, would need officer capacity to draft. Consider ToR of Health Cmte and HWB at next SLG meeting with a gap analysis.	Low

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Healthwatch recommissioning	Leads	Health Scrutiny Leads to be involved in drafting spec and procurement which is taking place from September for contract to be let from April 2015	High
Care Act Implementation	O&S Cmte		High
Innovative models of resident engagement (use of social media, town hall events etc)			Removed - but kept in for future reference
Tree strategy			Removed - but kept in for future reference
Food hygiene & licensing and public health implications			Removed - but kept in for future reference