STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL SPECIAL

29 SEPTEMBER 2005

Councillors:	Marilyn Ashton Mrs Bath Mrs Kinnear		Ray (3) N Shah Anne Whitehead
Non-voting Co-opted Member:	Councillor Branch		

* Councillor Burchell

* Denotes Member present(3) Denote category of Reserve Member

Chair:

<u>RECOMMENDATION 1 - West London Sub-Regional Development Framework</u> (SRDF) - Harrow Council's Response

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Strategic Planning on Harrow Council's Response to the West London Sub-Regional Development Framework (SRDF).

Officers advised that only the introductory pages of the West London Partnership response to the SDRF had been circulated with the agenda. An expanded version of the document would be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 6 October 2005. Officers confirmed that the Panel was being asked to consider just the Harrow Response.

The Panel considered the Harrow Response and suggested a number of changes which were noted by officers, including the following:

- It would be helpful if, when submitting the Response, officers produced a covering letter highlighting the main issues contained within the Response.
- Under 'Harrow's Metropolitan Town Centre', Members felt that it should be emphasised that investment in the "radical changes" referred to had already begun, and were not simply "proposed".
- Members requested that they be provided with copies of the survey mentioned on page 6 which had shown that 79% of those using the town centre had travelled there using public transport. It was also suggested that the source of the statistic be quoted.
- Members agreed that they could not see the benefit in having a regional park in the north east of the Borough, since the area did not have good public transport links.
- Members agreed that there was scare employment land in the Borough and looked forward to seeing the local employment land study referred to on page 9 of the agenda.

The Panel agreed that officers be given authority to make the amendments suggested by the Panel prior to submission of the Harrow Response to the GLA.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND (to Cabinet)

That (1) the amended report be approved for submission to he GLA.

[REASON: Submission of the Harrow Response would provide an opportunity fir the Council to influence the final Greater London Authority document and spatial planning and related matter until 2016, and also would inform the development of the Harrow Local Development Framework in Harrow].