

CABINET – September 2015

PROGRESS ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

| Review | Methodology | Type of report | Expected date for report to Cabinet | Comments |
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| Social and Community Infrastructure | Challenge Panel | Final Report to O&S and Cabinet | Jan/Feb 2016 | <p>The scope for this review will be agreed at O&S on 16th Sept. It is proposed that it examine the factors that contribute to a new residential development becoming a community and help an existing community accept and integrate with new residents and vice versa. It will explore the contribution that can be made by the Council and community and voluntary sector organisations to develop community benefits such as cohesion, self help, volunteering, neighbourliness and mutual support; and recommend initiatives that could facilitate community development in the Heart of Harrow.</p> |
| Community involvement in Parks | Challenge Panel | Final Report to O&S and Cabinet | April/May 2016 | <p>The scope for this review will be agreed at O&S on 16th Sept. The draft scope suggests that this review will consider current levels of community involvement in Harrow's parks and the schemes in operation to encourage more residents to be actively involved or volunteer in their local parks. Community usage of parks will be examined in terms of sports groups, access to grant funding, community lettings and events. The wider impact of parks in relation to community cohesion, public health and social benefits will be considered.</p> <p>In inputting into the development of the next open spaces and parks strategy for 2016 onwards, this review will in particular look at the plans contained within Project Phoenix and the commercialisation strategy for parks.</p> |

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| Impact of Welfare Reform | In-depth review | Final Report to O&S and Cabinet | April/May 2016 | The scope for this review will be agreed at O&S on 16 th Sept and will be in 2 parts. First it will consider the impact that the benefit cap is having/ will have on residents in Harrow and how the Council or others can help residents to come off, live better on or avoid needing benefits. Secondly it will consider the same questions in relation to working tax credits and low paid residents in Harrow. |
| Continue participation in Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for Shaping a Healthier Future Programme | Joint Committee | Update reports will be provided for O&S/Health and Social Care sub committee and Cabinet (for information) | As required | The next JHOSC meeting is scheduled for 14 th Oct and will be taking place at Harrow Council. CQC are undertaking an inspection of North West London Healthcare Trust commencing on 19 th October 2015 |
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