

## CABINET – November 2015

### PROGRESS ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

Review	Methodology	Type of report	Expected date for report to Cabinet	Comments
<b>Social and Community Infrastructure</b>	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Jan/Feb 2016	<p>The scope for this review was agreed at O&amp;S on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. The review will 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>
<b>Community involvement in Parks</b>	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Apr/May 2016	<p>The scope for this review was agreed at O&amp;S on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. The review will start in the new year.</p> <p>The 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>

<b>Impact of Welfare Reform</b>	In-depth review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	June 2016	In October, the review group focussed on the Benefit Cap and heard evidence from a variety of voluntary sector organisations, both local and national, and from Portfolio Holders and Service Managers. Evidence had also been provided in writing from most of the witnesses and support officers had provided a briefing. The next stage will see Councillors shadowing and researching in the community, finding out more detail about the Benefit Cap and bringing back insight that may help the group develop recommendations. This will happen in advance of the next meeting, which is in December. The review group will continue working into the new year, looking at low pay and working tax credits.
<b>Continue participation in Joint Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for Shaping a Healthier Future Programme</b>	Joint Committee	Update reports will be provided for O&S/Health and Social Care sub committee and Cabinet (for information)	As required	<p>The JHOSC met on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct and received reports on the London Ambulance Service and Shaping a Healthier Future.</p> <p>On Shaping a Healthier Future the committee asked questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of Hospital provision and the introduction of GP extended hours and launch of a new walk-in clinic for East Harrow by 2016</li> <li>• The re-procurement process for the NHS 111 system the current contract for which expires in 2016</li> <li>• The implementation Business Case which the committee has still not seen, invitations to workshops on the IBC were promised.</li> <li>• The impact of the closure of Ealing maternity unit, it was reported it had been well managed but patient experience would continue to be monitored</li> <li>• The draft benefits tracker to track the improvements from Shaping a Healthier Future</li> <li>• A&amp;E performance and specifically the fact that Northwick Park continues to not meet the 95% target.</li> </ul>

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