

CABINET – 20 January 2016

PROGRESS ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

Review	Methodology	Type of report	Expected date for report to Cabinet	Comments
Social and Community Infrastructure	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	April 2016	This review is now live and 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.
Impact of Welfare Reform	In-depth review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	June 2016	The research and fieldwork for phase 1 of the review which has focussed on the benefit cap is completed. The review group is meeting in January to commence phase 2 which will focus on low-pay/in-work benefits.

<p>Continue participation in Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for Shaping a Healthier Future Programme</p>	<p>Joint Committee</p>	<p>Update reports will be provided for O&S/Health and Social Care sub committee and Cabinet (for information)</p>	<p>As required</p>	<p>The Independent Healthcare Commission published its report into Shaping a Healthier Future in December. The full report can be found here: Independent Healthcare Commission Final Report</p> <p>The report found: There was no completed, up-to-date business plan in place that sets out the case for delivering the Shaping a Healthier Future (SaHF) programme, demonstrating that the programme is affordable and deliverable; There was limited and inadequate public consultation on the SaHF proposals and those proposals themselves did not provide an accurate view of the costs and risks to the people affected; The escalating cost of the programme do not represent value for money and are a waste of precious public resources; NHS facilities, delivering important public healthcare services, have been closed without adequate alternative provision being put in place; The original business case seriously underestimated the increasing size of the population in North West London and fails to address the increasing need for services.</p> <p>The review recommended that the SaHF programme be halted and local authorities consider seeking a judicial review of the decision to implement the programme if it is not halted.</p> <p>The Health Scrutiny Leads and Chair and vice-chair will meet in the new year to discuss how scrutiny would like to follow up the issues and recommendations made in the report, in particular in relation to: 1) A&E performance at Northwick Park Hospital 2) Maternity care at Northwick Park Hospital and 3) Harrow's out of hospital strategy.</p>
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Community involvement in Parks	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Summer 2016	<p>This review will start in April.</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>
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