
REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2006

Chair: * Councillor Jean Lammiman

Councillors: * Blann * Myra Michael (1)
* Bluston * Osborn
* Gate * Pinkus
* Mitzi Green * Seymour
* Mark Ingram * Mrs R Shah (1)

* Denotes Member present
(1) Denotes category of Reserve Members

[Note: Councillor Mrs Kinnear also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 409 below. Councillor Mrs Bath also attended the meeting in a participatory role.]

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report

Your Committee considered its annual report for 2005/06 which provided an overview of the work of the scrutiny bodies over the past year, together with a flavour of the work which would be undertaken over the coming year. As the 2005/06 annual report was the final report under the current administration, it also looked back over the development of Scrutiny in Harrow since its introduction in 1999. Members requested a number of amendments to the draft report. In particular, it was requested that Overview and Scrutiny review its process for the scrutiny of Children's Services.

Your Committee expressed its pride that community representatives had been involved to lead on reviews, which had proved successful. There was consensus that Scrutiny had benefited enormously from the direct involvement of community representatives. The Chair thanked Members and officers for their work on the annual report. Members of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees were also thanked for scrutinising challenging issues.

Your Committee welcomed the launch of the Annual Report which would take place on 27 April 2006.

Your Committee, having authorised the Chair and the Vice-Chair to accept any changes to the draft text of the reports from the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee, which had not met at the time this report was considered, and, in order to meet its obligations under the Council's Constitution which required the Committee to present its annual report to Council, it

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Committee's annual report for 2005/06, as now amended, be noted.

(See also Minute 400).