

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny
Date:	25th April 2006
Subject:	An update on Harrow, West London and London 2012 Information on Parking Development in Harrow in relation to the Olympics
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Portfolio Holder:	Education and Lifelong Learning
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public

Recommendation

O&S Committee are asked to comment on the Cabinet approved plans for Harrow Olympics Task Force.

Summary

At the January 30th Overview and Scrutiny committee meeting a report was presented setting out the direction and scope of outline ideas and plans for London 2012 as set out in the approved December Cabinet report. Members of the committee made four resolutions concerning:

1. That the report be noted
2. Budget for a tourism officer
3. Parking provision in relation to the Olympics
4. An update on the Harrow West London 2012 report

2. Budget for a tourism officer

This post has now been made permanent. Funding has been identified for the post within the Strategic Planning budget.

3. Parking Issues

The most immediate parking implications for Harrow will arise from the use of Wembley Stadium from late 2006 onwards. The Stadium is also the only Olympic venue in West London, and will be used for the final part of the Olympic football competition only.

When planning permission for the Stadium was given, part of the section 106 agreement was to provide £100,000 for on-street controls in Harrow which are necessary to alleviate the impact on Harrow parking space of events held at the new Stadium. This money will be made available once Harrow Council have developed and got a scheme/s approved. These measures should therefore be in place well before the Olympics and will be as appropriate for those events as for any other at the Stadium.

The Transportation Department have advised that an investigation into an event day parking control scheme around Stanmore and possibly Canons Park Station has been programmed into the Summer 2006 work plan .

It is likely that there will be extensive parking controls, even more than now, around most if not all stations in the borough by 2012. However this may not be in force seven days a week and therefore there will be a need to consider further restrictions in preparation for the Olympics.

Activities at the main Olympic Park at Stratford are also likely to increase Jubilee Line usage over the four week games period. Getting spectators, competitors and staff to and from the Olympic venues will be an important aspect of the organising committee's work over the next six years and it will be important that the Council is engaged in this element of the discussion at the appropriate time.

The parking controls implemented in response to Wembley will be available for the Olympic period, but at this stage the necessity for other arrangements cannot be predicted.

3. An update on the Harrow West London 2012 report

The report presented to Cabinet on April 6th is enclosed (appendix 1) as well as two further appendices, which provide a structure chart for the proposed Harrow Olympic Task Force, and feedback from the West London conference held on 27th Feb 2006¹. In addition the West London Olympic newsletter has

¹ The chair of the O&S committee was invited to the conference.

also been added to update Overview and Scrutiny members on the preparations for London 2012.

The report was approved by Cabinet and the following points were resolved:

Plans for the Harrow Olympic Task Force be approved and Members be nominated to serve on the Task Force in Summer 2006.

Members were in agreement that there should be cross-party representation on the Task Force and noted that this Group would become operational in Summer 2006. It was noted that members would be nominated by their respective parties at that time.

Benefits: See appendix 1

Cost of Proposals: n/a

Consultation: n/a

Financial Implications

The cost of facilitating the Harrow Olympics Task Force will be contained within existing budgets. The costs of further proposals are not known at this stage but should become clearer as plans are advanced. These costs will form part of a further report to Cabinet for consideration.

Legal Implications

See appendix 1. There are no immediate legal implications arising out of this report.

Equalities Impact

All activity which results from the Harrow Olympic plans will contribute to equality and social inclusion targets.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations:

See appendix 1.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1: April Cabinet report – Harrow Olympic Task Force

Appendix 2: Task Force Structure chart

Appendix 3: Evaluation of WL Olympic conference

Appendix 4: 1st West London Olympic and Paralympics Newsletter