
REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2006

Chairman: * Councillor Jean Lammiman

Councillors	* B E Gate	* Jerry Miles
:	* Mitzi Green	Christopher Noyce
	* Julia Merison (2)	* Mrs Rekha Shah
	* Salim Miah	* Mark Versallion
	* Mrs Myra Michael	* Jeremy Zeid (4)

* Denotes Member present
(2) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Members

[Note: Councillor Paul Scott also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 39 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Scrutiny Discussion Forum

Members considered a report of the Director of People, Performance and Policy, which set out proposals for an online discussion forum for scrutiny Members. The forum would be a web-based service that would allow Members to put questions, exchange ideas and share information. Harrow's forum would be based on the Council's intranet site and the establishment costs would be met from existing budgets. Users will be expected to abide by a 'use' policy.

In agreeing the establishment of the scrutiny discussion forum, which would initially be piloted for a period of three months, the Committee, inter alia,

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That (1) the establishment of an online forum for the development of scrutiny activity in Harrow be noted, and that

(2) access to the scrutiny online discussion forum be restricted to non-executive Members* and officers within the scrutiny team.

*[Note: * The forum will not be available to the Executive Members and their support Members.]*

(See also Minute 47).