

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	9 November 2006
Subject:	Community Plan
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Paul Najsarek
Portfolio Holder:	David Ashton Finance and Business Matters
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Consultation Draft of the Community Plan. Results of consultation.

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY: This report draw attention to the consultation draft of the Community Plan for 2006 – 2020 and specifically to the obligations it proposes for the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Cabinet is requested to consider whether the commitments that the Draft Community Plan proposes for the Council are compatible with the Council's vision, priorities and strategic fit and make appropriate comments to the Board of the Strategic Partnership. Any decision by Cabinet is a recommendation to full Council.

REASON: (For recommendation - Executive-side reports only). The Board of the Strategic Partnership intends to approve a Community Plan at their meeting on 16th November which will contain a number of ambitions that will fall to the Council to implement. Cabinet has the opportunity to ensure that these ambitions are consistent with the Council's plans, priorities and resources.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

The Board of Harrow Strategic Partnership agreed to commission a refresh of the Community Strategy in June this year as the commitments contained in the existing strategy had been largely achieved or overtaken by events. The Board also agreed that the format of the refreshed document should comprise a vision, a set of medium term ambitions and a three-year rolling action plan derived from the published plans of constituent organisations.

The refresh process involved a summit meeting held in July where local groups and interested individuals generated ideas for both the vision and the medium term ambitions. Following consultation with partners, the draft Community Plan 2006 –2020, which is attached, was produced at the end of August.

The consultation draft was sent to almost 3,000 groups and individuals with a request for comments, suggestions and observations to be received not later than 27th October. The draft has also been presented Overview and Scrutiny Committee and all of its Sub-Committees. The comments received by the time this report was sent to print are also attached together with a commentary from officers.

The medium term ambitions include a large number of actions that, if the Plan is approved, will fall to the Council to undertake. These have been considered by the relevant senior officers and assessed for their impact on services, resources, and strategic fit with the Council's priorities. Any resulting action plans will be reviewed to ensure they are affordable.

The ambitions in the consultation draft are, for the most part, indicators of the direction in which services should be evolving rather than quantitative targets for achievement so there are comparatively low performance risks associated with adoption of the Plan.

Equalities considerations. The draft plan seeks to address the needs of all of the communities in Harrow and has been developed taking into account that particular needs of different communities.

Community Safety considerations. A significant portion of the draft plan has been developed in close consultation with Safer Harrow and reflects the priorities of the community safety strategy. The ambitions in other sections of the Plan have taken community safety considerations into account.

Any decision will need to be referred by Cabinet to Council in accordance with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Barry Evans.....
Date : 03 November 2006		
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Jill Travers.....
Date: 03 November 2006		

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Contact: Mike Howes, Service Manager, Policy and Partnerships Ext. 5637

Background Papers: Community Strategy May 2004
Community Safety Strategy
Children and Young People's Plan
Housing Strategy
Quality of Life Survey - 2006
Vitality Profiles 2004
Annual Public Health Report 2005
Harrow PCT Annual Report 2005/06
Harrow Local Area Agreement

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	Not relevant
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	Not relevant Not in manifesto