

Meeting:	Town Centre & Major Projects Panel
Date:	19 th June 2007
Subject:	Project & Programme Management
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Graham Jones Director of Planning, Development & Enterprise
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Marilyn Ashton Planning, Development & Enterprise
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel is recommended to note the report and that the Panel will receive regular reports on progress on Major Projects monitored against project plans.

REASON:

To ensure the Panel is aware of progress and any necessary actions to meet programmed timescales.

SECTION 2 – REPORT

The Council has an ambitious programme of high profile projects which it wishes to deliver in a timely manner. As key corporate priorities, there needs to be both commitment and capacity to ensure delivery.

Officers have been reviewing the current arrangements for managing the delivery and have taken advice from Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC) who have been invited to review 9 specific projects, produce project plans for each, identify resource requirements and capacity and consider governance arrangements.

PWC are in the process of completing this work including the preparation of project plans. The 9 projects they have been looking at are:-

- Leisure Developments at Wealdstone
- Leisure Developments at Hatch End
- Leisure Development in South Harrow
- Harrow on the Hill Station/Bus Station and Adjacent Land
- Gayton Road Library/Car Park – Redevelopment
- Re-provision of Civic Centre
- Development at Stanmore Broadway – Former Anmer Lodge and Adjacent Land
- Town Centre Business Improvement District
- Local Development Framework

This is a preliminary list and there will be further projects requiring a similar approach to project management, monitoring and reporting.

PWC's initial response is that delivering this programme will need project and programme management arrangements to be put in place in a more rigorous and systematic way than exists at present. This in turn will provide the methodology for regular reporting to the Panel. Officers will be discussing the options with PWC over coming weeks, and will report back to the next Panel on the outcome.

The cost of PWC advice is contained within the capital budget provision for Strategic Developments for 2007/08

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Name:.....Sheela Thakrar.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 14 th June 2007.....		
Name:Adekunle Amisu.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date:14 th June 2007.		

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES / NO
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	