

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny
Date:	12 th February 2008
Subject:	Corporate Plan 2008 - 2011
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	N/A
Responsible Officer:	Jill Rothwell, Corporate Director, Strategy and Business Support
Portfolio Holder:	Paul Osborn, Strategy and Business Support
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Council's Corporate Plan

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report draws to the Committee's attention the Council's Corporate Plan for 2008 – 2011, which will be considered by Cabinet and Council in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to consider and make comments on the Council's Corporate Plan.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

This year, the Council's Corporate Plan has been developed as an integral part of the new Planning, Performance and Budgeting framework. The Plan sets out how the Council will use its resources and the budget shows how the Council's resources support its priorities. This combined process has enabled the Plan to be prepared and published more than three months earlier than in previous years and before the beginning of the period that it describes. Harrow is one of only a small number of Councils that manages to do this but it is vital to effective service planning and delivery.

This Corporate Plan sets out the Council's high level priorities and targets for the coming years. The Plan contains:

- the Council's vision, which is a long-term statement about the borough;
- a set of corporate priorities for the next three years listing what the council considers to be most important; and
- a number of flagship actions for the coming year which demonstrate what our corporate priorities mean in practice.

The flagship actions are practical examples of what our vision and corporate priorities mean, and against which the Council is happy to be judged.

PERFORMANCE ISSUES

The Corporate Plan includes Flagship Actions, which will be monitored through the Council's Corporate Improvement Programme, together with the major projects and programmes referred to in Service Improvement Plans, which underpin the actions and aspirations set out in the Corporate Plan.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Sheela Thakrar 4 th February 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of Chief Financial Officer.
Helen White 4 th February 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Tom Whiting 4 th February 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance Officer Clearance

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: Service Improvement Plans

