

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 May 2008
Subject:	Timetable for the Preparation and Consideration of the Statutory Plans and Strategies 2008/09
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Director of Legal and Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Strategy, Partnership and Finance Portfolio Holder (to be confirmed at Annual Council on 8 May 2008)
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A - Timetable for Statutory Plans and Strategies

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the requirements of the Council's Constitution in terms of the development of the policy framework and seeks approval to the statutory plans and strategies.

Recommendations:

That the timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory plans and strategies set out at Appendix A to this report be approved.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To comply with the requirements of paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in Section 4C of the Council's Constitution

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Introduction and options considered

2.1.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the process for the development of the policy framework at paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, any approval to the following Plans and Strategies is reserved to the Council:-

- Best Value Performance Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Community Safety Plan (formerly Crime and Drugs Reduction Strategy)
- Gambling Policy
- Children and Young People's Strategic Plan (which includes Early Years' Development Plan)
- Licensing Policy
- Local Implementation Plan (the Local Transport Plan)
- Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan
- Sustainable Community Strategy
- Youth Justice Plan

The Harrow Corporate Plan is also reserved to the Council.

Three of the above listed Plans are known as Partnership Plans. These are:-

- Community Safety Plan (formerly Crime and Drugs Reduction Strategy)
- Sustainable Community Plan
- Youth Justice Plan

These Plans and Strategies will be prepared with Harrow's Partners in the Partnership and will be referred to the relevant decision-making body in each of the agencies of the Steering Group of the Partnership.

The Executive shall arrange appropriate consultation on the proposed Plans and Strategies with local stakeholders and others as determined by the Executive. Details of the consultation process will be included in the Forward Plan.

2.1.2 The Constitution requires the Executive to determine, at the start of each Municipal Year, a timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory plans and strategies listed in paragraph 2.1.1 above that are required to be made in that year. A timetable is attached at Appendix A to this report and shows the meeting of the Executive which it is expected that the Plan or Strategy will be agreed for recommendation to Council, the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to which the matter is to be referred (see paragraph 2.1.3 below) and the date of the Council meeting at which the recommendation will be considered.

- 2.1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall receive any proposed Plan or Strategy listed in paragraph 2.1.1 above in sufficient time for the proposals to be included in the agenda for a scheduled meeting of their Committee and for them to make a report or recommendations to the meeting of the Council that is to consider the Plan or Strategy concerned. The Council shall not agree a Plan or Strategy until the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has had the opportunity, subject to the need for the statutory deadlines to be met, to consider the proposals.
- 2.1.4 On consideration of a Statutory Plan or Strategy the Council may decide to
- (a) adopt the Executive's proposals;
 - (b) amend the Executive's proposals;
 - (c) refer the proposals back to the Executive for further consideration; or
 - (d) substitute its own proposals in their place.

If the Council decides to adopt the Executive's proposals, that decision becomes effective immediately. If the Council decides to amend, refer back or substitute the proposals, that decision shall come into effect after 5 clear working days from the day on which the Council meeting makes its decision. If, however, the Plan or Strategy has been amended or substituted, and before the expiry of the 5 clear working days period, the Leader of the Council may give notice to the Chief Executive that he/she objects to some or all of the amendments made by the Council. In these circumstances the matter shall be referred to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive. The Executive may agree the proposals of the Council, reaffirm its original proposals, or make further amendments. The decision of the Executive shall then be referred back to the Council. The Council can agree the proposals of the Executive or amend the proposals. The decision made by the Council then becomes effective immediately.

- 2.1.5 Members should note that when the Council approves a Plan or Strategy it will also specify the extent of variation within the Plan or Strategy that may be undertaken by the Executive in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. The Executive may only make such other changes to a Plan or Strategy as have been agreed by the Council.
- 2.1.6 Once the Council has determined a Plan or Strategy the Executive shall publish information on the contents of the Plan or Strategy. The Plan or Strategy shall also be made available for public inspection and included on the Council's website, with copies available at a reasonable cost.

Financial Implications

None

Performance Issues

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 8 April 2008		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 18 April 2008		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Tom Whiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director (Strategy and Improvement)
Date: 18 April 2008		

Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

The Council's Constitution

Cabinet – 15 May 2007 - approved the timetable for the preparation and consideration of statutory plans 2007/8

APPENDIX A

STATUTORY PLAN/ STRATEGY 2008/9 (AND DEADLINE DATE)	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CABINET MEETING	COUNCIL MEETING
1. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (30 JUNE 2008)	21 July 2008 (Finance and Performance Scrutiny Sub-Committee)	19 June 2008	10 July 2008
2. DEVELOPMENT PLAN	Dates of submission of the various documents will be circulated seperately		
3. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Approved in 2006 to 2008/2009</u> → </p>		
4. CORPORATE PLAN	10 February 2009	12 February 2009	19 February 2009
5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN (FORMERLY CRIME AND DRUGS REDUCTION STRATEGY)	29 July 2008	18 September 2008	30 October 2008
6. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY	4 November 2008	13 November 2008	19 February 2009
7. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN	The Youth Justice Board have advised that a Youth Justice Plan will not be required this year (08/09)		
8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SRTRATEGIC PLAN	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Approved in 2006 for a 3 year period – Review 2009</u> → </p>		
9. GAMBLING POLICY	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Approved in 2006 for a 3 year period – Review 2009</u> → </p>		
10. LICENSING POLICY	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Approved in 2007 for a 3 year period – Review 2010</u> → </p>		