

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny committee
Date:	4 th September 2008
Subject:	Scrutiny Review Updates Report
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting Assistant Chief Executive
Portfolio Holder:	Paul Osborn Performance, Communication and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix One: Review Updates Matrix

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out progress on the current programme of reviews

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny committee is asked to:

- I. Consider and comment upon progress on the programme of reviews

Section 2 – Report

Background

Each year the Overview and Scrutiny committee commissions a programme of reviews designed to support the improvement of services in the borough or to support policy development in particular areas. This year the following reviews were included in the scrutiny work programme:

- Beacon Centre
- Future of Schools/Extended Schools
- Implications of 'Health Care for London: A Framework for Action'
- Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change'
- Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget
- Standing Scrutiny Review of NHS Finance
- Support for the Voluntary Sector/Delivering A Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector
- Town Centre Redevelopment

The Standing Review of NHS Finances has continued.

The table attached as Appendix One updates the committee on progress on each of these projects.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report as the cost of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within the scrutiny budget.

Performance Issues

The indicators in the table below are relevant to the reviews included in the 07/08 work programme and are included for reference purposes to enable councillors to have a sense of the relevance of particular reviews.

Review	Indicator	2008/9	2007/8
Beacon Centre	BV119a (3 yearly)	47 with 2.74 confidence interval	47 with 2.74 confidence interval
	CPA C17	Annual	First reported Q2 2008/9 (2006/7 20.6%)
	CPA C18	Annual	First reported Q2 2008/9 (2006/7 5.0%)
	CPA C19	Annual	45% Provisional estimate
Future of Schools	NI88	Q2	NEW
Healthcare for London	NI119	Place Survey	NEW
	NI120	A	NEW
	NI137	A	NEW

Care Matters: Time for Change	NI62	Q1 - 0	NEW
	NI63	Q1 - 56.86	NEW
	NI66	Q2	NEW
	NI99	Annual	NEW
	Ni100	Annual	NEW
	NI101	Annual	NEW
	NI147	Annual	NEW
	NI148	Quarterly – 0.46	NEW
	BV161	Annual	
Standing review of the budget	NI179	First reported Q2	NEW
Standing review of NHS finances			
Delivering A Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector	NI1	Annual Survey	NEW
	NI2	Annual Survey	NEW
	NI3	Annual Survey	NEW
	NI4	Annual Survey	NEW
Town Centre Redevelopment	NI138	Annual Survey	NEW
	NI154	Claire codling	NEW
	NI155	980	NEW

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sheela Thakrar Date: 22 nd August 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Name: Hugh Peart Date: 8 th August 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Lynne McAdam, Service Manager Scrutiny 020 8420 9387

Background Papers: None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	NO

Review	Chairman	Membership	Scope Prepared	Scope Agreed	Comments
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Beacon Centre	Cllr Green	Cllr Asante Cllr Champagne Cllr Akhtar Cllr Kulkarni Cllr Scott Cllr Solanki Cllr Stephenson Ramji Chauhan	Yes	Yes	The completed review was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 1 st April 2008. It was considered at Cabinet on 21 st May and the recommendations were agreed.
Future of Schools/Extended Schools	Cllr Davine	Cllr Green Cllr Kara Cllr Solanki Cllr Teli Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel	Yes	Revised scope to be considered at 4 th September meeting of O&S	The original scope for this review was amended following further discussion with the Corporate Director of Children's Services to reflect the need for scrutiny support to consider the effectiveness of extended schools. The review will commence in September, pending agreement of the scope.
Implications of 'Health Care for London: A Framework for Action'	Cllr Mithani – representative on the Pan-London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee JOSC	Working Group supporting JOSC Cllr Davine Cllr Macleod-Cullinane (until May 08) Cllr Rekha Shah Cllr Solanki	Terms of reference for JOSC and working group	Yes – via verbal report to O&S on 13 th November 2007	The Healthcare for London JOSC has submitted its findings to NHS London and a response is anticipated in the autumn. In the meantime, the council is awaiting proposals for implementing the changes proposed in the Darzi report from Harrow PCT. Further work in this area is anticipated and has been built into the work programme for 08/09.
Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change'	Cllr Davine	Cllr Green Cllr Mithani Cllr Solanki Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel	Yes	Yes	Work on this review was postponed until the autumn. It has been included in the work programme for 08/09.

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Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget	Cllr Sheinwald	Cllr Gate Cllr Iddaikadar Cllr Kara Cllr Kinnear Cllr Macleod-Cullinane (until May 08) Cllr Stephenson (until July 08) Cllr Solanki Cllr Seymour Cllr Teli Cllr Zeid Philp Morrish Cliff Lichfield Elizabeth Hugo	Yes	Yes	<p>Since its original constitution, the group membership has been supplemented by members of the Open Budget Panel.</p> <p>The group has met throughout 2008 and has received evidence on a number of elements of the budget planning process. Visits to other boroughs have also resulted in pointers towards best practice which have been discussed with the Leader, Chief Executive and Director of Finance.</p> <p>An initial report is being prepared for presentation to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in September/October.</p>
Standing Scrutiny Review of NHS Finances	Cllr Davine	Cllr Mithani Cllr Rekha Shah Cllr Sheinwald Julian Maw Janet Smith Avani Modasia Ruth Coman	Yes	Yes	<p>This group has been in existence since July 2006. The remit of the group has been to consider the impact of NHS financial difficulties on the council and the combined impact of NHS and council financial difficulties on residents. A key part of the investigation has been monthly monitoring of financial performance and a case study investigation of the impact of financial difficulties on carers. This was followed up in June 2008 with a challenge panel to consider the robustness of the joint carers' strategy.</p> <p>Further information has been requested on the financial outturn of the PCT and NW London Hospital NHS Trust.</p>

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Support for the Voluntary Sector/ Delivering A Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector	Cllr Sheinwald	Cllr Asante Cllr Champagne (Phase One) Cllr Davine Cllr Gate Cllr Kara Cllr Kinnear Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Teli Cllr Versallion Ramji Chauhan Mohamed Ali Julia Smith Mike Coker Julie Brown John Wolf Julie Bellchambers	Yes	Yes	<p>The title of the review has been changed to reflect its more strategic approach. The membership has also been supplemented by representatives from the voluntary and community sector forum.</p> <p>The group has produced its interim report which has analysed the issues surrounding the council's relationship with the sector and this has been roundly welcomed as presenting a thorough analysis upon which to begin to propose improvements.</p> <p>Phase Two of the review which will begin the remodelling process is now underway and the proposed work programme was agreed at O&S on 29th July.</p> <p>The final report will be submitted to Cabinet in December</p>
Town Centre Redevelopment	Cllr Seymour	Cllr Asante Cllr Kinnear Cllr Miles Cllr O'Dell Cllr Scott Cllr Solanki Ramji Chauhan	Yes	Yes	<p>A number of changes were made to the original scope for the project and concerns with these changes resulted in significant delays to the delivery of the project. Unfortunately, the delays have meant that the review cannot now contribute to the council's overall redevelopment plans for the town centre and therefore the O&S committee agreed in July to cancel the review</p>

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Council Improvement Programme	Cllr Scott	Cllr Brian Gate Cllr Mitzi Green Cllr Richard Romain Cllr Stanley Sheinwald	Yes	Yes	This challenge panel was commissioned in-year and its findings were reported to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 8 th July. The findings were included in papers considered by Cabinet on 19 th June

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PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Accord MP	Cllr Versallion	Cllr Gate Cllr Macleod-Cullinane Cllr Zeid Cllr Gawn Cllr Benson Cllr Idaikkadar	Yes	Yes	The completed review was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 28 th January 2008. It was considered at Cabinet on 17 th January and the recommendations were agreed
Places Survey	Cllr Versallion	Cllr Janet Mote Cllr O'Dell Cllr Green Cllr Solanki Cllr Teji	Yes	Yes – 29 th July 2008	This challenge panel was commissioned in-year and is scheduled to take place on 1 st September 2008
Financial issues • Elimination of budget shortfall • Attracting external finances					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget performance has been monitored by the sub committee External financing has been incorporated into the remit of the Standing Review of the Budget
Residents' Satisfaction					This has been monitored via reports to the sub committee
A new start for Wealdstone (Corporate Plan, flagship action 3.3)					This has not been progressed – it is a longer-term project
Access Harrow – inspection preparation					This project was not progressed