

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	25 th November 2008
Subject:	Scrutiny Review Update Report
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting Assistant Chief Executive
Portfolio Holder:	Paul Osborn Performance, Communication and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None.

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report summarises progress on the current scrutiny review programme. In particular it covers:

- Delivery a Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector in Harrow Council
- Standing Scrutiny Review of NHS Finances
- Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget
- Extended Schools
- Implications of 'Health Care for London: A Framework for Action
- Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change
- Place Survey

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny committee is requested to:

- i. Consider and comment upon the progress on each of the projects

Section 2 – Report

This report updates the committee on the progress on this year's programme of scrutiny reviews. Details with regard to progress on the programme is provided in the attached table.

Financial Implications

Any costs associated with the delivery of these projects will be met from within the existing scrutiny budget.

Performance Issues

These are the indicator which the attached review would hope to influence positively

Review	Indicator 2008/9 2007/8	Frequency/ Performance	Comment
Delivering A Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector for Harrow	NI1 % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	Annual survey	NEW
	NI2 % of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood	Annual survey	NEW
	NI3 Civic participation in the local area	Annual survey	NEW
	NI4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	Annual survey	NEW
Standing review of the budget	NI179 cash-releasing value for money gains	First reported Q2	NEW
Healthcare for London	NI119 Self-reported measure of people's overall health and wellbeing	Place Survey	NEW
	NI120 All-age all cause mortality rate	A	NEW
	NI137 Healthy life expectancy at age 65	A	NEW
Care Matters Time for Change	NI62 Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves	Q1 - 0	NEW
	NI63 Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	Q1 – 56.86	NEW
	NI66 Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales	Q2	NEW
	NI99 Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Annual	NEW
	NI100 Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2	Annual	NEW
	NI101 Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)	Annual	NEW
	NI147 Care leavers in suitable accommodation	Annual	NEW
	NI148 Care leavers in employment, education or training	Quarterly - 0.46	NEW

Risk Management Implications

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

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Date: 11 th November 2008		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 11 th November 2008		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Lynne Margetts, 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	Comment
Delivering a Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector for Harrow	Cllr Stanley 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 evidence gathering for this project has now been completed and the review group has devised models for future relationships between the council and the voluntary and community sector. On 4th November conferences were held at which representatives of the sector were provided with information on the findings of the review and the background to the models. They were also able to discuss the proposals in more detail with members of the review group.</p> <p>The final meeting of the review took place on 11th November and the Corporate Strategy Board considered the proposals on 19th November.</p> <p>The final review report will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 9th December and will be submitted to Cabinet on 18th December.</p>
Standing Review of NHS Finances	Cllr Margaret Davine	Cllr Mithani Cllr Rekha Shah Cllr Sheinwald Julian Maw Janet Smith Avani Modasia Ruth Coman	Yes	Yes	A final report from this review is being prepared and will be agreed by the review group in December before being submitted to Overview and Scrutiny committee in the New Year.

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<p>Standing Review of the Budget</p>	<p>Cllr Stanley Sheinwald</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>This review was suspended for a short period in order to address staffing issues in the scrutiny team. These issues have now been resolved and the review has restarted. The initial report from the review, which considered the process for setting the council's annual budget, was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 4th November. This report also includes proposals for the work programme for the next phase of the review.</p> <p>One of the key recommendations of the review is also being incorporated into scrutiny's consideration of the budget for 2009 – 10. A meeting between the review group and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Performance and Finance sub committee has been arranged for 11th December in order to plan questions for the annual budget scrutiny session with the Leader and Director of Finance. This is the first time that the Overview and Scrutiny committee will be framing its interrogation of the budget based on both an analysis of best practice in terms of budget planning and in a clear understanding of the in-year financial performance of the council.</p>
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					A further report outlining the findings in terms of the work programme for the second phase of the review will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in summer 2009.
Extended Schools	Cllr Margaret Davine	Cllr Mitzi Green Cllr Manji Kara Cllr Dinesh Solanki Cllr Yogesh Teli Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel			<p>The scope for this review was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 4th September. The evidence gathering is about to commence and will include visits to cluster groups, investigation of the organisation of the cluster groups and focus groups with stakeholders.</p> <p>The review is scheduled to report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in April 2009.</p>
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 Rekha Shah Cllr Solanki	TBC	TBC	<p>Comments on the first phase of Health Care for London: A Framework for Action were submitted to NHS London by the JOSC in April.</p> <p>Since then, NHS London has announced further consultation on initial proposals with regard to major trauma and stroke services. Preparations for a further JOSC to consider these proposals are underway, with terms of reference likely to be available for consideration by the Council in the New Year. NHS London are expecting to run consultation on these proposals from January to March 2009</p>

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Preparing for the White Paper, 'Care Matters: Time for Change	Cllr Margaret Davine	Cllr Green Cllr Mithani Cllr Solanki Ramji Chauhan Despo Speel	TBC	TBC	This project was originally included in the 2008 work programme but was deferred. The issues will now be considered in the first instance by a report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 25 th November, after which time a decision will be made as to what further work, if any, is required.
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Place Survey	Cllr Mark Versallion	Cllr Janet Mote Cllr O'Dell Cllr Green Cllr Solanki Cllr Teli	Yes	Yes	The challenge panel took place on 1 st September and the results were fed through via officers into the council's proposals with regard to the Place Survey.
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