

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON
18 DECEMBER 2008**

535. Scrutiny Review – “Delivering a Strengthened Voluntary Community Sector for Harrow”
In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 20.1, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee introduced the report, which set out the response to the final report of the scrutiny review entitled “Delivering a Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector for Harrow”. He advised that one of the most important parts of the review had been the consultation with voluntary sector organisations.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee drew Cabinet’s attention to the 22 recommendations set out in the report and indicated that Scrutiny had requested a full response to each. Where a recommendation was rejected, he requested that reasons for that decision be provided.

Julia Smith, Chief Executive of Harrow Association for Voluntary Sector (HAVS) and co-sponsor of the review, expressed her thanks to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for his chairing of the review. She advised that the review had been open and transparent and that the voluntary sector had been fully engaged, most notably at the two conferences held in November 2008. She welcomed the establishment of the scrutiny implementation group and indicated that HAVS would fund the funding officer post if that recommendation were to be agreed by Cabinet.

The Chairman referred to the reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and advised that officers would consider the recommendations carefully. He emphasised that the scrutiny review recommendations were for Cabinet to consider and make decisions on. He concluded that Cabinet were appreciative of the work carried out by Scrutiny.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a further response to the scrutiny recommendations be submitted to the Cabinet meeting in March 2009.

Reason for Decision: To consider a response to scrutiny recommendations.