

HARROW COUNCIL

CABINET

20 APRIL 2004

Reference from the Meeting of the Strengthening Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 30 March 2004:

1. The Sub-Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Organisational Development).
2. The Sub-Committee was informed that they were supposed to have received a draft Community Strategy in advance of the meeting, but had proved impossible due to it not being finalised.
3. The Manager of the Strategic Partnership Section explained the principles and content of the draft Community Strategy to Members for their information. It was also recommended that the Sub-Committee played a role in monitoring HSP's work.
4. During the discussion Members expressed dissatisfaction of receiving the draft Strategy at the meeting, as it did not allow sufficient time to read the draft Strategy in its entirety. It was highlighted to Members that all Councillors had received previous drafts of the Strategy, and was available for viewing on Harrow Council's Internet and Intranet sites. The officer proposed that she would provide exception reports on the implementation of the Strategy, which was agreed by the Sub-Committee.
5. Members' suggested that: HAD, Age Concern and the POP Director be included in the useful contacts section; places of worship in the borough should also receive the draft Strategy, and that the draft Strategy be placed on the SACRE Agenda.

The Sub-Committee resolved, inter alia, that the draft Strategy be endorsed.

REASON: The Strategy is the overarching strategy for the borough and articulates the priorities of Harrow's communities as well as the work being done by partners to address those priorities.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Papers:

Strengthening Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee Minutes - 30 March 2004.

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