

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Strengthening Communities Sub Committee
Date:	30 March 2004
Subject:	Consideration of the final draft of the Community Strategy For Harrow
Key decision:	No
Responsible Chief Officer:	Jill Rothwell, Executive Director (Organisational Development)
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Cllr N. Shah, Property and Partnership
Status:	Public
Ward:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix 1- Draft Community Strategy For Harrow (to follow)

1. Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)

- 1.1 The sub committee is presented with the final draft of the Community Strategy for Harrow. This strategy has been produced by the Harrow Strategic Partnership (HSP) and has been subject to extensive consultation with residents and stakeholders. It is due to be launched at the HSP Summit of 19 May 2004.

2. Recommendations (for decision by Cabinet)

- 2.1 That the Committee endorses the Community Strategy for Harrow and Recommends that Cabinet approves the document on the 20 April.

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.

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors

- 3.1 None

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

The Strategy should inform the future key policies and strategies developed by partner organisations.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 The draft Community Strategy For Harrow reflects all of the council's corporate priorities.

6. **Background Information and options considered**

6.1 Overview and Scrutiny were presented with the last draft of the Strategy and agreed that the final version would be sent to the sub committee for approval. The strategy will be sent to Cabinet on the 20 April and full Council on the 29 April.

6.2 The strategy has been developed using the priorities of the key agencies in Harrow from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.

6.3 The Community Strategy for Harrow will be implemented, monitored and reviewed by the Board of the HSP.

7. **Consultation**

7.1 The arrangements regarding consultation on the strategy have previously been presented to the sub committee above.

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 None

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 The council has a statutory responsibility under the Local Government Act 2000 to develop a Community Strategy in partnership with local agencies.

10. **Conclusion**

The Community Strategy for Harrow will focus partners' activities to addressing the issues that have been identified as important to local residents and stakeholders and is therefore a vital document for the borough.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Background papers on the HSP and guidance on developing Community Strategies as well as the outcomes of consultation are available from the author of this report.

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