

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2009

MINUTE NO. 591 - DELIVERING A STRENGTHENED VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

Following an initial report to Cabinet in December 2008, the Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services advised that this report set out a more detailed response to the final report and recommendations of the scrutiny review entitled "Delivering a Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector for Harrow".

The Portfolio Holder for Community and Cultural Services advised that the voluntary sector had been kept up to date in relation to the work being carried out on the scrutiny review recommendations. A cross directorate group had been established to consider the recommendations.

The Portfolio Holder advised that he had met with the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the adviser to the Grants Advisory Panel and the Chief Executive of Harrow Association for Voluntary Service to discuss the review recommendations and possible ways forward. He added that there had also been an informal discussion with the Director of Commissioning.

The Portfolio Holder concluded that of the 22 review recommendations, it was proposed that 17 be agreed for implementation now, a further 4 be developed within the Third Sector strategy and that one recommendation, relating to Harrow Heroes, not be agreed.

RESOLVED: That the proposed responses to the 22 recommendations be agreed.

Reason for Decision: To respond to the scrutiny report and recommendations.