

APPENDIX 1SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10PROJECTS 2009/10 including those CARRIED OVER FROM 2008/09

<b>Project</b>	<b>Possible detail</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Decision of Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 11 June 2009</b>
<b>Standing Review of the Budget</b>	Phase Two of this project is now underway. Specific strands include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the capital budget</li> <li>• Investigation of options for revenue generation</li> </ul> Shared services – in particular asset management.	This is a standing review	Ongoing	Ongoing - Review to continue
<b>Healthcare for London</b>	Harrow is represented on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee by Cllr Mithani (Cllr Davine is reserve). The JOSOC is considering proposals from Healthcare for London regarding major trauma and stroke services.	Pan London Committee	This phase will run until summer 2009, but further work will be forthcoming as proposals are developed. The working group will therefore need to be kept in place.	Ongoing – Review to continue
<b>Healthcare for London - working group</b>	To provide support to the members of the JOSOC by identifying Harrow perspective to recommendations being made.	An informal group providing support to the representatives	The working group meets to support the Harrow JOSOC representative , if this no longer meets the working group will be suspended, but may be reconstituted to support other Healthcare for London consultations.	Ongoing – Review to continue
<b>Sustainability</b>	The scope of the review includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the draft Climate Change Strategy</li> <li>• Support for the local business base – Small and Medium Enterprises</li> <li>• Community cohesion</li> </ul>	In-Depth Review	Spring – Autumn 2009  The Climate Change Strategy Challenge Panel met on	Ongoing – Review to continue.

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	There is also a proposal to hold a roundtable discussion with partners to see how well their sustainability policies and strategies join up with the council's.		6 <sup>th</sup> May.	
<b>Transitions</b>	Concerns have been raised by councillors about how vulnerable children and young people transfer across to adults services.	Light-Touch Review	Autumn	To be conducted as a Light-Touch Review, starting in Autumn 2009.
<b>Performance of the Kier contract</b>	The performance of the Kier contract has been considered on a number of occasions by the Performance and Finance sub committee. Concerns remain and the committee is proposing a more detailed investigation	This work will focus on the minor works/housing repairs component of the contract. It will also use the outcome of the LEAN project investigation of the housing repairs service as the basis of the investigation.	To commence as soon as possible.	Conduct as a light-touch review, starting in Summer 2009. This review is considered to be a priority for 2009/10.
<b>Grants criteria</b>	Recommendation 15 of scrutiny's review 'Delivering a strengthened voluntary and community sector for Harrow' asks that proposals to review the Council's grants criteria be brought to a scrutiny challenge panel, in preparation for the 2010/11 grants application round.	Challenge Panel	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2009	Ongoing Review to be completed during 2009.

**2009/10 - PROJECTS PENDING SUBJECT TO FURTHER DECISIONS**

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<b>Communications and fear of crime</b>	The fear of crime in the borough remains high, though reducing, whilst crime levels are comparatively low. The possibility of considering how the council and partners work with local media to communicate crime data might help address this imbalance.	Challenge Panel/Light Touch Review	To be confirmed	The Place Survey looks at fear of crime. An action plan will address the findings within the survey. A Communications Plan will be developed, arising from the action plan.

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				The Communications Plan to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration before any decision about a further scrutiny review work is made.
<b>Community lettings</b>	This is residual work following the Developing a Strengthened Voluntary and Community Sector and Extended Schools reviews and is a further investigation of how effectively the Council supports the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector through the availability of premises.	Any further work is dependent upon the outcome of investigation by cultural services which will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in June	To be confirmed	A report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 July 2009 to be considered before any decision about further scrutiny review work is made.
<b>NW London Acute Health Services Review</b>	This issue is beginning to emerge in discussions with health partners. There is no specific detail regarding proposals at this stage but it is likely to involve rationalisation of acute hospital provision. As there are few Foundation hospitals in the region (which are exempt from the review) there may be significant proposals for local health provision.	Unclear at this point in time, but councillors may leave space in the work programme to pick it up	To be confirmed	A report to O&S on 28 July to be considered before any decision about further scrutiny review work is made.
<b>Adults and Housing Transformation Programme Plan</b>	This is an issue initially raised by the Director of Adults and Housing Services and it would be appropriate to continue to provide scrutiny support to monitor the implementation of the transformation programme.	Challenge Panel	To be confirmed	To be conducted as a Challenge Panel during 2009/10, if resources allow.
<b>Housing Revenue Account</b>	The Performance and Finance sub committee investigated the performance of the Housing Revenue Account and identified concerns regarding its longer-term viability. The Director of Housing is undertaking an investigation of the issues and depending	To be confirmed	To commence Summer/Autumn	To be retained on the Work Programme for 2009/10 and is dependent upon available resources. However the Review is not considered a priority for 2009/10.

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	upon the outcome of this work, the committee may wish to schedule a specific project later in the year			

**PROJECT PROPOSED FOR 2010/11**

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<b>Young people and crime</b>	Linked to the fear of crime, young people are often perceived to be perpetrators of crime but are more often than not the victims. This piece of work can support the work around fear of crime.	Challenge panel/light touch review	To be confirmed	An important piece of work that warrants more time than may be available in the 2009/10 Work Programme.  Recommend that this project is carried forward to the 2010/11 Work Programme.