

HARROW COUNCIL

CABINET – 16 JULY 2009

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 JUNE 2009

Use of Resources Challenge Panel

The Chairman of the Use of Resources Challenge Panel introduced the report, which set out the recommendations following the use of resources self-assessment. He drew attention to the key recommendations, and thanked members and officers for their participation in the Challenge Panel.

RESOLVED: That (1) the findings and observations of the Use of Resources Challenge Panel be noted;

(2) the following recommendations of the Challenge Panel be agreed and reported to Cabinet for consideration:

- **the organisation ensures that the self assessment provides a focus for the Council's improvement process and does not become an end in itself;**
- **the final self assessment, incorporating the improvement priorities, should be made available to the Panel for comment ;**
- **the Council ensure that the improvement priorities eventually incorporated in the self assessment are grounded in a clear understanding of residents' priorities;**
- **whilst improvement priorities must be realistic and achievable, they must also be aspirational, and the Panel also recommends that the Council appraises itself of the improvement processes being adopted in other similar boroughs;**
- **the self assessment 'under sell' but 'over deliver' in terms of its content;**
- **the content incorporates evidence of the impact of the processes that had been included in it.**

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2009.

Officer Report considered at the 11 June 2009 meeting.

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