

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny
Date:	28 July 2009
Subject:	Councillor Call for Action CCfA
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director of Partnership Development and Performance.
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Paul Osborn, Performance, Communications and Corporate services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix 1: Harrow's proposed mechanism for CCfA

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Recommendations: That Overview and Scrutiny Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the proposed Councillor Call for Action CCfA mechanism.
Reason: (For recommendation) The report sets out a proposed mechanism for adoption of a Councillor Call for Action, in line with that envisaged in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Police and Justice Act 2006. Follows initial report to Overview and Scrutiny on 16 March 2009.

Section 2 – Report

2. Background

2.1 The Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Police and Justice Act 2006 identified and set out the need for local authorities to adopt a Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) process in order to capture issues arising from local communities and ensure that the Council were able to respond accordingly.

2.2 The CCfA provides elected members with the opportunity to ask for discussions at scrutiny committees on issues where local problems have arisen when all other routes may have failed.

2.3 An initial report on CCfA was presented to Overview and Scrutiny in March 2009.

3. Current situation

3.1 A proposed CCfA mechanism has been drafted and is attached at appendix 1.

3.2 These proposals are draft until they have been presented to Overview and Scrutiny.

4. Why a change is needed

4.1 Change is driven by the introduction of new legislation and forthcoming guidance.

5. Implications of the Recommendation

5.1 Equalities impact

CCfAs are intended to provide members with a means of bringing issues to the attention of O&S. This will be a potential benefit to all the communities of Harrow.

5.2 Legal comments

The Council will have a legal responsibility to consider any CCfA which it receives and which are not covered by the exclusions.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 None arising from this report. There will be cost implications if Overview and Scrutiny are required to consider CCfA but these cannot at this time be quantified.

Section 3 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1 Harrow's proposed mechanism for CCfA

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES