

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	24 November 2009
Subject:	Scrutiny Work Programme Update
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap - Divisional Director, Partnership Development and Performance
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Paul Osborn – Portfolio Holder for Performance, Communication and Corporate Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix One: Progress Matrix

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report outlines progress on the current scrutiny work programme.

### **Recommendations:**

Councillors are asked to:

- Note progress on the current review programme

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Background**

The attached matrix outlines progress on the scrutiny projects currently underway.

### **Financial Implications**

The financial requirements of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

### **Performance Issues**

There are none specific to this report.

### **Risk Implications**

There are no risks associated with this report.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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Background Papers:

None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	No
2.	Corporate Priorities	No

## **APPENDIX ONE: REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT**

<b>Review</b>	<b>Methodology</b>	<b>Type of report</b>	<b>Expected date for report to Cabinet</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Standing Review of NHS Finances	Standing review (18 months)	Final Report O&S Cabinet	TBC	The draft report from the review has been prepared and will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny committee in the New Year.
Standing Review of Budget	Standing review (3-years)	Second interim report O&S Cabinet	January 2010	The round table with the Leader and Director of Finance to discuss the findings of the second phase of the review took place on 10 <sup>th</sup> November. The final report from the review for this administration is now being prepared for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny committee in January and at Cabinet in February.
Sustainability	In depth review	Final report to Overview and Scrutiny end of 2009	February 2010	A further meeting of the review group has taken place and has agreed that the final phase of the review will consider the impact of the recession on local people. This will take the form of a challenge panel which has been scheduled for January 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Healthcare for London	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Report to Healthcare for London, incorporating Harrow opinion	Not applicable	Consultation has now concluded and subsequently London PCTs have decided to implement the preferred options, which include a hyper-acute stroke unit at Northwick Park Hospital. The Joint Committee of London PCTs reported back to the JOSC on the implementation of recommendations at a meeting in October. The JOSC has now officially concluded its work as it has fulfilled its terms of reference.
Transitions	Workshop	Scope document	Not applicable	This project is now complete
Performance of the Kier Contract (with regard to housing responsive repairs)	Challenge panel	Final Report O&S Cabinet	February 2010	The panel has been deferred to January.

Acute Services Review	Working party to support Lead Members	Response to NHS Harrow  Report to O&S	Not applicable	NHS Harrow, NHS Brent and North West London Hospitals Trust are looking to consult before Christmas on service reconfiguration at Northwick Park and Central Middlesex Hospitals. Scrutiny councillors are planning to respond to this. A working party will be established to determine scrutiny's response and will work closely with scrutiny colleagues in Brent.
Housing Revenue Account	Challenge panel	Final Report O&S Cabinet	January 2010	The challenge panel took place on 22 <sup>nd</sup> October and the main outcomes of the discussions were fed into the council response to the DCLG consultation on the HRA. The formal report is included in the papers for this meeting.