

HARROW COUNCIL

CABINET – 11 FEBRUARY 2010

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2010

Report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget

The Committee received a report which set out the findings of the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget. The Chairman explained that the review had been established in October 2007 and had presented its interim report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 September 2008. The Committee were informed that the review group had met over a number of months with Council officers, external witnesses and also undertook visits to Hillingdon, Newham, Wandsworth and Camden. The Chairman stated that the visits had proved very useful in identifying best practice, particularly in relation to the management of capital assets, and the report made a number of recommendations as to how the Council's performance in this area could be enhanced.

A Member stated that he was pleased to have been part of the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget and fully supported the conclusions and recommendations.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the findings and recommendations of the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget be noted and approved;

(2) the report of the Standing Scrutiny Review be referred to the meeting of Cabinet on 11 February 2010 for consideration as part of the budget setting process, with the recommendation that it is included in the budget papers submitted to Council on 18 February 2010;

(3) the Overview and Scrutiny Committee re-constitute the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget in the next municipal year.

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Background Papers:

Report considered by the Committee on 28 January 2010