

**REPORT FOR: PERFORMANCE AND  
FINANCE SCRUTINY  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>               | 20 September 2010  |
| <b>Subject:</b>                       | Scrutiny Recommendations Monitoring 2009/10                                    |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>           | Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director Partnerships,<br>Development and Performance |
| <b>Scrutiny Lead<br/>Member area:</b> | All areas  |
| <b>Exempt:</b>                        | No   |
| <b>Enclosures:</b>                    | Appendix A – Reviews completed in 2009/10                                      |

**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out progress against recommendations made by scrutiny through review reports in 2009/10.

**Recommendations:**

The sub committee is requested to:

1. Note the report;
2. Agree the proposals for further monitoring set out in Appendix A.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

As a new Council administration began in May 2010, scrutiny Members have requested a report outlining details of recommendations made by scrutiny in the course of 2009/10.

The purpose of this report is to provide scrutiny Members with intelligence on those reviews that have been completed as well as those in need of further monitoring. Historically the Performance and Finance sub-committee has fulfilled the role of monitoring progress against recommendations made.

This year the Health sub-committee has begun to take on the role of monitoring recommendations made in respect of health matters.

This report will also be provided to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny committee and Health sub-committee for information.

### **Background**

Reviews completed by scrutiny in 2009/10 are as follows:

- [Extended schools as community resources \(April 2009\)](#)
- [Housing Revenue Account \(November 2009\)](#)
- [Integrated Care Organisation \(January 2010\)](#)
- [Response to Acute Paediatric Services NHS consultation \(February 2010\)](#)
- [Response to East Harrow polysystem NHS consultation \(February 2010\)](#)
- [Standing review of the budget - phase 2 \(January 2010\)](#)
- [Sustainability \(February 2010\)](#)

Appendix A provides detail of when these reports were considered by Cabinet, whether progress against recommendations has already been reviewed and an officer assessment of whether further monitoring is advised.

The following report was completed in 2008/09 but is recommended for further review by scrutiny. Details are also given in Appendix A:

- [Delivering a strengthened voluntary and community sector - final report \(November 2008\)](#)

### **Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications associated with monitoring progress against recommendations.

### **Performance Issues**

This report deals with performance throughout.

**Environmental Impact**

Not applicable to this monitoring report.

**Risk Management Implications**

Not applicable to this monitoring report.

**Corporate Priorities**

Scrutiny activity covers all of the council's corporate priorities.

**Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

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

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**Background Papers:**

Relevant scrutiny review reports, all of which are published on the council's website at:

[http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/10058/scrutiny/1811/completed\\_scrutiny\\_projects\\_reports/3](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/10058/scrutiny/1811/completed_scrutiny_projects_reports/3)

## Appendix A – Reviews completed in 2009/10

| Review   | Agreed by Scrutiny | Considered by Cabinet  | Review undertaken by                     | Assessment by scrutiny officer  |
|--|--------------------|--|--|---|
| Extended schools as community resources                | April 2009         | 17 September 2009  | Performance and Finance<br>25 March 2010 | No further follow-up recommended.<br><br>P&F received a progress report from the relevant officer and the committee was satisfied with progress made.   |
| Housing Revenue Account                                | November 2009      | 14 January 2010<br><br>The work of scrutiny contributed to the council's response to a Communities and Local Government consultation on the future of the Housing Revenue Account. | N/A                                      | No direct further follow up required with regard to the specific review.<br><br>However, O&S is considering undertaking work on the new Housing Ambition Plan later in the Municipal Year.<br><br>It is recommended that the SDE leads maintain a watching brief on potential changes to the HRA. |
| Integrated Care Organisation                           | January 2010       | 18 March 2010 (for information)  | Health sub<br>2 September 2010           | No direct further follow up required with regard to the specific review.<br><br>The Health sub intends to keep a watching brief on this area.   |
| Response to Acute Paediatric Services NHS consultation | February 2010      | N/A  | Health sub<br>2 September 2010           | No direct further follow up required with regard to the specific review.  |

| <b>Review</b>                                       | <b>Agreed by Scrutiny</b> | <b>Considered by Cabinet</b>                                       | <b>Review undertaken by</b>   | <b>Assessment by scrutiny officer</b>  |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Response to East Harrow Polysystem NHS consultation | February 2010             | N/A  | Health sub<br>16 June 2010    | Developments and proposals put forward by the previous Government in relation to health are to be re-assessed against new criteria. Most proposals that are already in motion are able to go ahead.<br><br>The Health sub has asked to be kept informed of developments. |
| Standing review of the budget                       | January 2010              | Received by Cabinet 11 February 2010, response report 23 June 2010 | Not yet scheduled for review. | This report should be followed up either by P&F or by the new Standing Review of the Budget in the course of 2010/11.  |
| Sustainability                                      | February 2010             | 18 March 2010  | Not yet scheduled for review. | This report should be followed up by P&F in the course of 2010/11.   |

#### **Earlier work recommended for continued review**

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| Delivering a strengthened voluntary and community sector | November 2008 | Received by Cabinet 18 December 2008, response report 26 March 2009. Of the 22 review recommendations, 17 were agreed for immediate implementation and a further 4 as part of the Third Sector strategy. One recommendation, relating to Harrow Heroes, was not agreed.<br><br>Third Sector Strategy was agreed by Cabinet 18 March 2010. | Performance and Finance 16 November 2009. Members requested a further progress report.<br><br>Not yet scheduled for further review on 2010/11. | This report should be followed up by P&F in the course of 2010/11.<br><br>This discussion should be informed by the previous P&F discussion (16-11-09 minute 144 refers). |
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