

# **REPORT FOR: CABINET**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	7 October 2010
<b>Subject:</b>	Council Vision and Priorities
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Transformation
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Decision subject to Call-in:</b>	Yes
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Leaders Report on the Council's New Vision and Priorities Year Ahead Statement

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out the draft Council vision and priorities which it is proposed will be launched for consultation in the period October to December 2010. The report also sets out the pilot programme of community involvement activity which will be used to test the draft vision and priorities with Harrow residents.

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the draft vision and priorities set out in detail in the 'Leaders Report on the Council's New Vision and Priorities' for consultation;
- 2) Approve the pilot programme of community involvement set out in detail in the 'Leaders Report on the Council's New Vision and Priorities' and which will be used to consult upon the draft vision and priorities; and
- 3) Note the Year Ahead Statement.

**Reason:**

The vision and priorities of the Council will guide the organisation in making decisions on budget allocation and service delivery.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **1. Introduction**

This report sets out recommendations for Cabinet to consider on the Council's draft vision and priorities which are detailed in the 'Leaders Report on the Council's New Vision and Priorities', which will be launched for consultation in October to December 2010. The Leaders Report also sets out a pilot programme of community involvement activity which will be used to test the draft vision and priorities. Cabinet is also asked to approve this programme.

The Year Ahead Statement sets out the information and data on such things as performance, demographic change and resident perceptions which has contributed to the development of the draft vision and priorities.

### **2. Financial Implications**

The additional financial cost of running the pilot programme of involvement activities is £5,000, which can be met from the existing communications budget. All other costs can be met from existing budgets, e.g. the Residents Panel has already been contracted. A number of the proposals will require Council Officers to attend events, which should not incur any additional financial costs.

At a more strategic level, the integrated service and financial planning process (underway for the five year period from 2011-12 to 2015-16) will ensure that the new priorities are properly resourced in the budget. An update on the medium term planning process will be presented to Cabinet later this month, and the draft budget will come forward in December.

### **3. Performance Issues**

The Year Ahead Statement sets out the data and intelligence which supports the draft priorities set out in the Leaders Report.

Specific performance issues are set out in the Consultation and Engagement section within the Leaders Report with regards to those performance measures which relate to community involvement.

Establishing a new set of priorities will have implications for the Council's Corporate Scorecard. Following consultation and approval of a new set of

Council priorities, performance measures will be developed for each and monitored quarterly at Cabinet through the Strategic Performance Report.

It is expected that there will be performance implications for some Council services as a result of the 'Better Deal for Residents Programme', and these will be reported to Cabinet when individual decisions are brought for implementation.

#### **4. Environmental Impact**

None directly.

#### **5. Risk Management Implications**

An overall risk register has been developed for the Better Deal for Residents Programme.

The risks of the community involvement pilots will be managed through a project management approach to their delivery, and the success of the pilots will be reviewed in the New Year to ensure that lessons are learnt and applied from the projects.

#### **6. Equalities implications**

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on the draft vision and priorities as part of the consultation process, and will be used to advise Cabinet on the final set which they endorse.

With regards to the pilot programme of community involvement activity, an Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the review of success to ensure that all lessons learnt through these pilot programmes will be applied to the next stages of the Council's engagement with the community.

#### **7. Corporate Priorities**

The final form of priorities which will be agreed following consultation will replace the existing priorities.

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

Name: Myfanwy Barrett  Chief Financial Officer

Date: 27/09/10

Name: Hugh Peart  Monitoring Officer

Date: 28/09/10

### **Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance**

Name: Alex Dewsnap  Divisional Director  
Partnership,  
Development and  
Performance

Date: 24/09/10

### **Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance**

Name: John Edwards  on behalf of the  
Divisional Director  
(Environmental  
Services)

Date: 24/09/10

### **Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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#### **Background Papers:**

Background papers for Year Ahead Statement Evidence Base

- ◆ Interim Place Survey 2009

- ◆ Corporate Plan 2009- 2012
- ◆ CAA Self Assessment 2009
- ◆ Strategic Performance Report Cabinet 15 July 2010
- ◆ Better Deal for Residents Programme Cabinet Report 15 July 2010
- ◆ CIPFA Statistical Review 2010.