

REPORT FOR: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	11 October 2010
Subject:	Council Vision and Priorities
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	All Leads
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	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:

Overview and Scrutiny is requested to:

- 1) Consider and comment on the evidence base for the draft vision and priorities set out in the Year Ahead Statement.

Section 2 – Report

1. Introduction

This report sets out for Overview and Scrutiny the evidence base on which recommendations are being made to Cabinet on the Council's draft vision and priorities.

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

At a 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.

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.

4. Environmental Impact

None directly.

5. Risk Management Implications

None

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 27/09/10.....		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 28/09/10.....		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Alex Dewsnap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director Partnership, Development and Performance
Date: 24/09/10.....		

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 15th July 2010
- Better Deal for Residents Programme Cabinet Report 15th July 2010
- CIPFA Statistical Review 2010