

HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Council Vision and Priorities

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| <p>Introduction</p> <p>This report sets out the draft Council vision and priorities which 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.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Action</p> <p>The pilot programme, set out in detail in the Leaders report on the Council's New Vision and Priorities will be used to consult upon the vision and priorities.</p> <p>The HSP Summit on the 22nd November will also provide an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to input into the vision and priorities and inform the future approach to community involvement.</p> |
| <p>What are you asking the Partnership Board to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment on the proposed vision and priorities • Note the Year Ahead Statement and Leaders Report • Note the pilot programme for community consultation and take the opportunity to engage in the dialogue on the Council's new vision and priorities. |

Summary of the Issue

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.