REPORT FOR:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	27 April 2011
Subject:	Report of the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee Chair
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Partnership, Development and Performance
Scrutiny Lead	All areas
Member area: Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Recommendations: That the report of the Performance and Finance sub-committee chair be noted.



Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

This report provides a summary of issues to be taken forward by the Performance and Finance scrutiny sub-committee following the meeting held on 6 April 2011. The minutes of the meeting are available elsewhere on this agenda.

Issues identified for further follow-up

Chair's report

- Budget holder forecasting compliance The sub-committee requested quarterly financial monitoring reports. The Corporate Director, Finance, agreed to provide the sub-committee with a report on forecasting compliance at the end of Q1.
- Payment to suppliers
 The Corporate Director, Finance, agreed to provide the chair and vice-chairman with further information regarding areas of non-compliance.

Revenue and capital monitoring for quarter 3 as at 31 December 2010

• The sub-committee requested a reconciliation of capital financing against the capital programme for 2010/11.

Update on actions arising from the scrutiny review 'Delivering a strengthened voluntary and community sector'

 The sub-committee agreed to refer the issue of the impact of the demise of Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS) on the recommendations of the scrutiny review to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A reference on this matter can be found elsewhere on this agenda.

Updated response to scrutiny standing review of the budget (report from phase two)

 Further information was requested from the Place Shaping Directorate on the timing of the Area Action Plan in relation to decisions being taken with regard to co-location of services and asset disposal.

<u>Response to recommendations on community sustainability made by the Overview and</u> <u>Scrutiny review</u>

• The sub-committee requested a further update on the actions outlined within the Community Cohesion Action Plan to the chair and vice-chairman.

Sustainability review – climate change

 The report was admitted to the agenda late. The chair and vice-chairman will meet with the Head of Climate Change for a briefing. This meeting should take place prior to consideration of the climate change report by Cabinet on 19 May to allow any comments to be referred to Cabinet.

Issues where no further follow-up required

Draft Performance and Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee section of the annual report 2010/11

• Members agreed the report.

Agenda planning for the next meeting of the sub committee – 26 July 2011

Scrutiny Members are requested to notify the Scrutiny Officer if there are matters that they would like the chair and vice-chairman to investigate or to consider adding to the agenda.

The chair has requested a report reconciling the budget outturn with the budget forecast for 2010/11.

Financial Implications

There are none specific to this report.

Performance Issues

There are none specific to this report.

Environmental Impact

There are none specific to this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are none specific to this report.

Corporate Priorities

The work of the sub-committee addresses 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: None