

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

PUBLICATIONS ADVISORY PANEL

10 NOVEMBER 2004

Reference from the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 October 2004: Scrutiny Review of the New Harrow Project

1. At its meeting on 19 October 2004, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received the report of the Scrutiny Review of the New Harrow Project (NHP). *(NB: The report of the Scrutiny Review will be included in the papers for the Cabinet meeting on 11 November 2004 which will be circulated to all Members of Council; for reasons of economy it is not therefore being reproduced here).*
2. The review had examined the overall concept of the New Harrow Project, and had also included case studies of the roll-out of the Public Realm Maintenance services to Areas 2 and 3, and the community schools pilot. The report of the latter case study had already been considered by Cabinet in July 2004.
3. Members endorsed the recommendations of the review group and, in particular, Recommendation 1 of the main report, which related to the need for rigorous groundwork before the adoption of projects and the implementation of fully documented project planning processes. A Member felt that the review report illustrated that scrutiny could have more impact by tackling on-going issues than by carrying out retrospective reviews.
4. The Committee **RESOLVED** that
 - (1) the report of the Review Group be endorsed; and
 - (2) the report of the Review Group be referred to Cabinet for consideration; and
 - (3) the Publications Advisory Panel be requested to consider the use of route maps and stories to assist in communicating the New Harrow Project message both internally and externally.**

FOR CONSIDERATION

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Background Papers: Report to, and draft minutes of, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19 October 2004