

# **REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Implications of the HAVS Investigation Challenge Panel Report
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Partnership Development and Performance
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<b>Exempt:</b>	No but with Part II Appendix - by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Appendix 1 - Report from the Implications of the HAVS Investigation Challenge Panel Appendix 2 – Audit Report (Part II)

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

This report accompanies the report from the challenge panel which considered the implications of the Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS) investigation

### **Recommendations:**

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Agree the report from the challenge panel
- ii. Refer the report to Cabinet in September for consideration

## **Section 2 – Report**

This report outlines the findings of the implications of the HAVS investigation challenge panel which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

The panel was commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny committee to examine the implications for the Council of the findings of the HAVS investigation.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report

### **Performance Issues**

The review is making recommendations with regard to monitoring high risk projects and inclusion of relevant performance indicators in documentation considered by the council's improvement boards.

### **Environmental Impact**

There is no environment impact associated with this report

### **Risk Management Implications**

The report has considered the implications of the events that took place at HAVS and makes recommendations to minimise the risk of similar occurrences in future.

### **Equalities implications**

There are no equalities implications directly associated with this report. However, the development of an overarching strategy for the delivery of grants and the development of an effective relationship with Harrow's voluntary sector which will help to address the concern identified from the events at HAVS, the council will need to be cognisant of our equalities duties, particularly in the light of recent equalities judgements.

### **Corporate Priorities**

Ensuring an effective relationship exists with the voluntary sector can help to deliver all of the council's corporate priorities:

- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe
- United and involved communities: a Council that listens and leads
- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need
- Supporting our Town Centre, our local shopping centres and businesses

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

Not required for this report.

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** None