LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW   **Appendix 2**

CABINET – 8 SEPTEMBER 2011

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2011

Implications of the HAVS Investigation Challenge Panel Report

The Committee received the report from the Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS) challenge panel which considered the implications of the HAVS investigation. Members noted that a Part II appendix containing the Audit report appeared elsewhere on the agenda.

The Chair of the Challenge Panel expressed thanks to the scrutiny officers for their valued work and also colleagues who had taken part in the review. She stated that the review was a good example of cross party working but that the review had been incorrectly titled as it was forward looking. Referring to the panel's recommendations, she drew particular attention to numbers 17 and 20. She was pleased to report that the recommendation that appeals should be held before any grants were finalised had been taken on board. In terms of recommendation 20, she emphasised the importance of this moving forward, particularly in light of the discussion earlier in the meeting relating to Adult Social Care and the PCT funding.

A Member echoed the sentiments expressed and also thanked the Chair of the Panel and the Internal Audit Team. He stated that the review was a good example of scrutiny and audit working together but that he was mindful of the CIPFA guidance that there needed to be separation. He added that he was slightly disappointed that the internal audit report could not be released but that he was respectful of the position taken on this.

RESOLVED: That the report from the HAVS Challenge Panel be agreed and referred to Cabinet in September for consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Report submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 July 2011.

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