
REPORT OF CABINET

MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2005

Chair: * Councillor N Shah

Councillors: * D Ashton * C Mote
* Burchell * Marie-Louise Nolan
* Margaret Davine * O'Dell
* Dighé * Stephenson
* Miss Lyne

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION II - Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005-2008

Members considered the draft Crime and Drugs Strategy and priorities for 2005-2008. The Chief Executive drew Members' attention to the tabled letter, not to be made publicly available at this stage, from the Government Office for London and advised that the final Strategy might require amendment in light of the comments set out in the letter.

The representative of the Chief Executive advised that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 required local authorities, police, drug action teams and the primary care trust to jointly undertake an audit of local crime and drugs problems every three years and, following that audit, to undertake a consultation process to produce a Crime and Drugs Reduction Strategy. He outlined the contents of the draft Strategy, the four priority areas and the three cross-cutting themes. The priorities and cross-cutting themes had been developed following widespread consultation with the public, stakeholders and partner agencies on the audit findings and having taken into account national and local priorities.

The representative of the Chief Executive advised that arrangements were in place for publication of the Strategy following approval by the Children's Management Committee on 28 January 2005 and the Safer Harrow Management Group on 9 February 2005. Members further suggested that the Harrow Strategic Partnership Board consider the strategy on 27 January 2005.

Resolved to RECOMMEND:

That the Draft Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005-2008 be approved.

Reason for Recommendation: The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 required Local Authorities, Police, Drug Action Teams and the PCT (the "Responsible Bodies") to jointly undertake an audit of local crime and drug problems once every 3 years and, following the audit, to undertake a consultation process to produce a Crime and Drug Reduction Strategy.