

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date:	22 September 2011
Subject:	Snow Clearance Challenge Panel Report
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director Partnership Development and Performance
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Cllr Chris Mote and Cllr Nana Asante, Safer and Stronger Communities; Cllr Susan Anderson and Cllr Stephen Wright, Sustainable Development and Enterprise
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Report from the Snow Clearance Challenge Panel

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report outlines the findings from the Overview and Scrutiny Snow Clearance challenge panel which took place on 6 September 2011.

Recommendations:

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Consider and agree the report from the Challenge Panel;
- II. Refer the report to Cabinet.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

This report outlines the findings of the Snow Clearance challenge panel which took place on 6 September 2011. The Overview and Scrutiny committee commissioned the challenge panel to consider the council's snow clearance policy and also to address whether any more could be done to improve the way in which the borough deals with the clearance of heavy snowfall.

Financial Implications

As detailed in the report some of the challenge panel recommendations will require additional resources.

Performance Issues

There are no specific performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is the potential to have an impact on environmental issues in the borough depending on how and whether the recommendations are taken up.

Risk Management Implications

There are none specific to this report.

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes () No ()

Heavy snow fall and its clearance has implications for some of the most vulnerable members of the community. The health and social care facilities in the borough are also affected by snowfall.

Corporate Priorities

This review will contribute to the delivery of the following 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