

CABINET 18TH OCTOBER 2011

PROGRESS ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

Review	Methodology	Type of report	Expected date for report to Cabinet	Comments
Standing Review of Better Deal for Residents Programme	Standing Review	Regular update reports to O&S and interim and final report to O&S and Cabinet	<p>The final report from this project will be dependent upon the lifecycle of the Better Deal for Residents programme.</p> <p>A report of the first phase of the project was considered in July 2011.</p> <p>The group has agreed to submit quarterly reports to the Overview and Scrutiny committee and an interim report in November 2011.</p>	<p>The report from the first phase was completed in June 2011 and was considered by Cabinet in July</p> <p>The second phase of the review is about to commence, a meeting of the review group will take place on 26th September to consider the scope for phase two. It is anticipated that this part of the project will consider the impact of the programme on local people and whether or not the programme is achieving its ambitions. The scope for phase two will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in November.</p>
Standing Review of the Budget	Standing Review	TBC	TBC	<p>The first meeting of the Standing Review of the Budget will take place on 29th September. This meeting will consider the scope for the project which is expected to consider the impact, delivery and efficacy of financial reductions. The scope will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in November.</p>

Performance Management	Light touch review	Final report to O&S and Cabinet	Phase two – November 2011	The report from the second phase of this project, which has comprised a more detailed consideration of the council's future performance management framework, is currently being drafted. The final report will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in November.
Snow clearance	Challenge Panel	Final report to O&S and Cabinet	October/November 2011	Set in the context of increasingly harsh winter conditions, this project has considered how the council's snow clearance priorities are established and how the council can work with residents to address winter conditions. The report from the challenge panel will be presented to the September meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny committee.
Engaging with Young People	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for February 2012	The scope for the project was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee at its meeting in September. The project will address how best the borough can overcome current challenges and obstacles surrounding youth engagement in order to deliver the best outcomes for children and young people and make best use of existing resources. The review expects to report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in January 2012.

Debt Recovery	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for November 2011	This project will investigate the feasibility of co-ordinating the different debt recovery processes which are in place across the council. It will also investigate whether a more proportionate approach to debt recovery could be introduced. The challenge panel will meet in October and a report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee is expected in November.
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Anticipated projects

Proposals to merge Ealing Hospital and the NW London Hospitals trust are emerging. It is probable that Harrow will be invited to join a Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee with Brent and Ealing councils in the next few months as the consultation process on the proposals starts.

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