

REPORT FOR: **CABINET**

Date of Meeting:	15 December 2011
Subject:	Scrutiny Review – Use of Performance Information Phase 2 – Response
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	Yes
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – Draft response

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report provides a draft response to the recommendations in phase 2 of the Scrutiny review, for consideration and endorsement by Cabinet.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to endorse the responses recommended by officers.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To provide an appropriate response to the Scrutiny recommendations and to improve the effectiveness and accessibility of performance information for its different audiences.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

Cabinet received the reference from Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the full paper “Project report – Measuring up: Harrow Council’s use of performance information (phase 2)” at its last meeting.

This report at Appendix 1 provides officer recommendations on the response to the Scrutiny review. For brevity only the recommendations have been reproduced in the Appendix: for accompanying text please see the full report.

The review report distinguishes between those recommendations addressed to Cabinet and those addressed to Overview and Scrutiny. The latter were accepted by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 November 2011 and therefore do not require explicit consideration by Cabinet but have been retained in the Appendix for completeness.

Many of the recommendations are shown as requiring further consideration and discussion to identify specific actions to implement them. These will be discussed as appropriate with relevant Portfolio Holders, Corporate Directors and their teams and Scrutiny leads to agree ways forward.

Options considered

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Where additional resource is involved in implementing recommendations this will be contained within existing provision.

Performance Issues

The report deals in detail with performance issues.

Environmental Impact

None.

Risk Management Implications

None.

Equalities implications

None arising directly from this report. Where significant changes in procedure are identified, an impact assessment will be carried out prior to implementation.

Corporate Priorities

The Scrutiny review and the response to it aim to enhance reporting on and monitoring of the delivery of all Council Priorities.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name:	Jenny Hydari	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date:	24 November 2011		
Name:	Matthew Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date:	22 November 2011		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name:	Alex Dewsnap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director Partnership, Development and Performance
Date:	18 November 2011		

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name:	Andrew Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Divisional Director (Environmental Services)
Date:	18 November 2011		

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Martin Randall, Senior Professional, Corporate Performance & Planning. 020 8424 1815.

Background Papers:

Scrutiny review report presented to Cabinet 17 November 2011, available at <http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/documents/g60642/Public%20reports%20pack,%20Thursday%2017-Nov-2011%2019.30,%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

**Call-In Waived by the
Chairman of Overview
and Scrutiny
Committee**

NOT APPLICABLE

[Call-in applies]