

CABINET- 19 JANUARY 2012

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>The group has agreed to submit quarterly reports to the Overview and Scrutiny committee.</p>	<p>The second phase of the review has started. 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</p> <p>The review has received a presentation of the VERTO system and an update on the project management proposals made during phase one of the project.</p> <p>The review has also received a report from the Reabling Focussed Care project and was able to make recommendations regarding information about the scheme.</p> <p>A reference from the review group is on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>The review will continue to consider the impact of projects which have now completed.</p>
Standing Review of the Budget	Standing Review	Regular update reports to O&S and interim and final report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The project has focussed specifically on the capital budget during its initial meetings.
Performance Management	Light touch review	Final report to O&S and Cabinet	Phase two – December 2011	This project is now complete
Snow clearance	Challenge Panel	Final report to O&S and Cabinet	October 2011	This project is now complete

Engaging with Young People	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for February 2012	Fieldwork is virtually completed, it is estimated that the report will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in February 2012.
Debt Recovery	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	January 2012	A report of the panel's findings was made to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in December. A reference from the review group is on the agenda for this meeting.
Senior Management Restructure Proposals`	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and inclusion in the Chief Executive's report to Cabinet	December 2011	A report outlining the findings of this review was incorporated into the Chief Executive's final report to Cabinet in December.
Private Sector Housing	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The review group is scheduled to meet for the first time in January and this meeting will determine the scope which will be presented to O&S committee in February.
Customer Services	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The O&S committee has agreed to include this project in its work programme. The project will commence in the New Year.

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.

A request for work to investigate a number of children's issues will be considered at the Scrutiny Leadership Group in January and proposals will be submitted for discussion at the O&S committee in February.

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