

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>Where the review makes recommendations to change services, then these will also be referred to Cabinet</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 considered the impact/outcomes from the concessionary travel project and has scheduled a review of both the Libraries and Public Realm projects.</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	<p>The project has focussed specifically on the capital budget during its initial meetings. Its work programme now includes consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA • Capital and place • Major contracts • Business rate retention scheme • Fees and charges • Localism.
Engaging with Young People	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for April 2012	The review report is currently being drafted for consideration at O&S in March.
Debt Recovery	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	March 2012	A report of the panel's findings was made to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in December. The response to the report will be made to the March Cabinet.

Private Sector Housing	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The review group is scheduled to meet for the first time in February and this meeting will determine the scope which will be presented to O&S committee in March.
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 early in 2012.
Safeguarding Children	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet and NHS Harrow	TBC	The Scrutiny Leadership has agreed to recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny committee a piece of work to examine the effectiveness of safeguarding services in Harrow.

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.

It is also possible that the council will be invited to join a Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee to consider NW London NHS commissioning strategy.

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