

CABINET 8 MARCH 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 - a response to the review's comment on Reabling Focused Care project is anticipated.</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 considered the impact/outcomes the Libraries project in February and will consider the Public Realm project at its meeting in March</p>
Standing Review of the Budget	Standing Review	Regular update reports to O&S and interim and final report to O&S and Cabinet	An initial report will be prepared for the spring.	<p>The initial project meetings have focussed on the capital budget and self financing of Housing Revenue Account. Its work programme now includes consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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.</p> <p>The review group may reconvene to consider the potential for the council's debt recovery process to be centralised.</p>
Private Sector Housing	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The review group met on 14 th February to determine the scope for the project. This will be presented to O&S committee in March.
Customer Services	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The first, scoping meeting for this project is currently being scheduled, likely to take place in late February
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. Once endorsed by the committee, the review will be set up.

Anticipated projects

Proposals to merge Ealing Hospital and the NW London Hospitals trust are emerging. Following informal joint meeting of the three boroughs involved (Brent, Ealing and Harrow) with commissioners it became apparent that there is a different view emerging across the area. It has been agreed that each council will submit their own independent response to proposals by 20th February. This can then be included in the Full Business Case which will go to NHS Brent and Harrow's board meeting on 29th March. The Health and Social Care sub will finalise the response at its meeting on 19th April.

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. The Health and Social Care sub committee on 7th January agreed in principle to join a JOSOC when set up with the other eight West London boroughs in the cluster to consider the implications of the proposals.

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