

CABINET 4 APRIL 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. 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 considered the outcomes from the Public Realm – Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance 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 work programme includes consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA self financing • Capital and place • Major contracts • Business rate retention scheme • Fees and charges • Localism <p>Comparative information including information collected via visits to other boroughs is being gathered to support both HRA and capital and place components of the project.</p>
Engaging with Young People	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for June 2012	The review report is currently being drafted for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny committee in May

Debt Recovery	Challenge Panel	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Dependent upon the availability of further work re the potential to centralise the debt recovery processes - TBC	A response to the review was made at March cabinet. The Corporate Director of Resources has advised that she is undertaking a review of the potential for the Directorate to have oversight of all debt recovery services and as such the review group may reconvene to consider the findings of this review.
Private Sector Housing	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for July 2012	The scope for the project was agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny committee in February. Detailed evidence gathering is about to commence and a report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee is expected in June.
Customer Care	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	TBC	The scope for the project is due to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on the 3 rd April.
Safeguarding Children	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet and NHS Harrow	TBC	The scope for this project was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 28 th February.

Anticipated projects

The Health and Social Care sub committee on 7th January agreed in principle to join a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee when set up with the other eight West London boroughs in the cluster to consider the implications of the NW London NHS Commissioning Strategy. Practical arrangements are currently being made to establish the JOSOC.

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