

CABINET - 20 JUNE 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 T2 projects on local people and whether or not the programme is achieving its ambitions.</p> <p>The next meeting of the review will be a joint meeting with the Budget Review group and will consider the impact/implications of the localisation of Council Tax.</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>The May meeting of the review considered the major contracts renewal process. The findings of this meeting will be included in the quarterly report being prepared for the Overview and Scrutiny committee.</p> <p>Comparative information including information collected via visits to Hackney, Newham and Wandsworth is being gathered to support both HRA and capital and place components of the project. The July meeting of the project will consider the implications of HRS self financing. A round table to discuss the use of capital component will take place later in the year.</p>
Engaging with Young People	Light Touch Review	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet	Anticipated for June 2012	The review report was considered by O&S in May and will be received by the June meeting of cabinet.
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 report to the review from the Director of Finance regarding the review recommendations is anticipated for June. Further work in this area is dependent on the Director's proposals.

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 underway 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 was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 30 May. The evidence gathering phase of the review will begin in earnest during the summer.
Safeguarding Children	TBC	Final Report to O&S and Cabinet and NHS Harrow	June	This investigation is considering progress by the Council and health partners in delivering the recommendations from NHS London Safeguarding Children Improvement Team visit in October 2010. The first meeting of the review group involved the Corporate Director for Children and Families, the lead GP for Safeguarding and the Designated nurse for Safeguarding. A further meeting with NHS providers is planned for the end of May.

<p>Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 'Shaping a Healthier Future for North West London'</p>	<p>Joint Committee with Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster</p>	<p>Final Report to O&S and Cabinet (for information) and NHS NW London</p>	<p>November</p>	<p>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 seven North West London boroughs in the cluster to consider the implications of the NW London NHS Commissioning Strategy. An informal shadow JOSOC has started to meet in anticipation of the formal JOSOC commencing when the consultation opens in early July. Consultation is expected to run for about 14 weeks until early October.</p> <p>NB - Council on 24 May 2012, inter alia, agreed Harrow's participation in the JOSOC. O&S at its meeting on 30 May agreed Harrow's Members (Member and Reserve) to sit on this JOSOC.</p>
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