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To: All Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Dear Member,

Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Monday, 10th September, 2007

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

9. CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS - CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY COHESION AND INVOLVEMENT (PAGES 1 - 6)

Briefing from Councillor Lorna Reith, Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement

13. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – FEASIBILITY REPORT ON PROPOSED SCRUTINY REVIEW (PAGES 7 - 10)

(Report of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee) To approve the commissioning of a further review on anti social behaviour.

15. MINUTES (PAGES 11 - 18)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on July 30th 2007.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Williams
Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

Overview and Scrutiny 10 September 2007 - key issues briefing
Cllr Lorna Reith - Cabinet member for Community Cohesion and Involvement

Communications

Corporate Identity - Rollout of the new ID continues. The first building sign has gone up at River Park House with others to follow. A style guide has been published to help ensure compliance and proper usage.

Haringey People – The first increased pagination issue of Haringey People was published in July. The Annual Report will be distributed with the September edition.

Consultation ‘traded service’ - there continues to be a big demand for this relatively new service and the professional support it provides across the council. The team has already conducted a number of major consultations, including a recent survey giving residents the opportunity to have their say on highways improvements which prompted 2000 responses in less than a fortnight.

Internal communications – the draft of a new IC strategy has been produced following an IC audit, with the action plan expected to be implemented shortly.

A-Z/Council Tax Guide – this combined guide, which was distributed in March, has been short listed for a prize in the Chartered Institute of Public Relations Excellence in Communications Awards.

Customer Services

Performance

Attention has been focused on getting performance back up to target and this has now been achieved in most areas. (Up-to-date detailed figures will be provided at the Scrutiny meeting). Work is underway on analysing, and hopefully reducing, the number of repeat callers and visitors.

Current and future issues

Implementing the transfer from the Siebel CRM system to a SAP CRM system. Managing the transition of the Homes for Haringey repairs contract to ensure consistency of quality of the service. Working with Property Services to identify an alternative building for the Call Centre as a consequence of the Heartlands redevelopment.

Customer Focus

WOW! Awards - we are the first public sector organisation to take part in this scheme. We successfully piloted it last year and the scheme is being rolled out across the Council from 1st May. (H4H are not part of the scheme but are considering joining next year). Between 1st May and end of August we received 523 nominations of staff from members of the public. This compares to 2005-6, prior to the introduction of WOW, when we had 147 compliments

over a full year. We have been shortlisted for a National Customer Service award. The winner will be announced on September 18th.

Customer Charter – a draft charter has been developed by our Customer champions and this will be launched for consultation during National Customer Service week in early October.

Institute of Customer Service qualifications – this is a national, accredited, job-based qualification which we are piloting. We have 35 coaches and 35 practitioners drawn from a range of services including Leisure, Parks, crematorium and H4H. Mock and final assessments are underway.

Equalities

New Equal Opportunities Policy

The EOP has been revised and updated to include new legislation and to ensure that the policy is linked to our Equalities Scheme which was agreed in December 2006. The Scheme assists us in meeting our duties as a public body to promote equality of opportunity for all. It is built on the duties that arise under the six strands of equality currently covered by UK legislation. These are Age, Disability, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, Religion/Faith, and Sexuality. We carry out Equalities Impact Assessments (EIA) on new or existing policies, strategies and services. We have identified a number of key policies and strategies for EIAs in each directorate. Our equalities monitoring categories have been amended, so that they comply with current equalities legislation and Commission for Racial Equality Guidance around monitoring gypsies and travellers and the monitoring of religion and belief.

Equality Standard for local Government (ESLG).

We aim to achieve levels 3 and 4 of the ESLG this year. We have compiled the evidence to demonstrate this, taken part in an internal audit, and are planning external assessment for formal accreditation this autumn.

Community Cohesion

We take a strategic and sustainable approach to building community cohesion. Work is carried out through a number of Council departments. We have initiated a **Community Cohesion Policy Review** which will map existing council activity, look at government papers, academic research and best practice and pull together existing, and new research on trends and challenges to community cohesion within Haringey. The aim is to develop a strategic framework and action plan.

Through our **Equalities Team** we work closely with faith groups and the Haringey Peace Alliance and are involved in the Faith Forum as participating members. We were successful in securing Preventing Violent Extremism funding from GOL to run a number of projects with faith groups, Police, Safer Communities, Mosques and the Muslim community. We have worked with local women's groups to set up an advisory forum for Muslim women in Haringey at Wightman Road Mosque. This consists of employment and training advice and regular themed workshops on council services.

Our **Neighbourhood Management team** has taken an “access to services” theme and worked with partner agencies and other council services to bring information and advice to our new communities. Examples include:

The Somali Forum for Haringey was launched in February and brings together all the Somali groups in the borough to raise the profile of the Somali community. It provides a forum for engagement with the Council and our partners to ensure that the needs of the Somali community in Haringey are known and understood. The Somali Forum also has a London and National perspective.

Polish Community Support: We have provided capacity building support to the Polish and Eastern European Community. A community group, “RAZEM” (meaning ‘Together’) has recently been constituted and we have facilitated work with HAGA and a Polish Charity to support men with problems of alcohol mis-use.

Migrant Labour We recently ran a crisis drop-in session (in partnership with the PCT, the NDC, Jobcentre+ and the Police) for Migrant workers who have been congregating around Seven Sisters, particularly outside the Wickes store. We hope to develop an employment scheme for unqualified migrants to divert them from the informal labour market.

Our work with the Orthodox Jewish Community has been well documented and The Young Foundation will shortly publish a book with this as one of their case studies. The development of the community library, parent and toddler group, customised youth activities and community events have built a strong base for working with this closed community. We are working with other Council departments to ensure we have a coherent approach to the Orthodox community.

Events

The Equalities Team together with partners and colleagues organised the following:

- Show Racism the Red Card for schoolchildren at Spurs
- Commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Act of Parliament which abolished the transatlantic Slave Trade. A working group with members and community representatives has been meeting regularly to share information and co-ordinate events. We held a Leaders reception for 200 people at Broadwater Farm Community Centre in July. 9 community groups have received grants of (approx) £1500 each to put on events.
- We are putting on events for Peace Week.
- We have worked with Libraries on a comprehensive programme of events for Black History month in October.
- We have received a grant from a charitable foundation to run a competition for local children and young people to design a statue to be cast and placed in the Holocaust Memorial garden in Bruce Castle Park. We are planning events for Holocaust Memorial Day 2008 and

we have also been awarded places for 2 sixth formers from every Haringey school to go to Auschwitz for a nominal donation of £20.

- We have also started planning events for International Women's day and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender history month in 2008.

Neighbourhood Management and Area Assemblies

Area Assemblies are in their 5th year and have established themselves as an important component of democracy in the borough. Attendances have increased over the last year with over 150 residents at some meetings.

Making the Difference is in its 4th year and we received over 500 bids this year. The short listed projects for each of the seven neighbourhoods have now been agreed and work has started on those which are being fast tracked. A review of the scheme is underway.

Beacon Council – following our success in achieving Beacon Council status in 2005 for our work engaging with the community, we applied for a further Beacon award this year under the category of 'Transforming Services: Citizen Engagement and Empowerment'. We expect a decision in October.

Neighbourhood management work with other Council depts and partners

"Off the Street, Less Heat" is a joint initiative with the Youth Service and the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. It is also part of the programme which was delivered as part of the Summer Uni. It started as an innovative social club and youth diversion initiative for young people on the Broadwater Farm Estate, giving young people a safe environment in which to meet their friends and take part in activities until midnight. It has now been extended to include: Milton Road Estate (West Green), Campsbourne Estate (Hornsey) and Northumberland Park (Tottenham). Activities include basketball, football, table tennis, bike maintenance, dance, drama, drug counselling, employment workshops and hair and beauty.

The Haringey "Summer Uni" took place during the school summer holidays for the first time this year. It is part of the Summer Uni London programme which is available mainly for free for 8 – 25 year olds. We delivered an exciting programme of courses with Youth Services and Sports & Leisure to provide young people in the borough with an active summer. Although this was our first year we had the second largest programme of activities for young people.

Local working groups

We have set up a number of successful partnership initiatives working with traders, community groups, partner agencies and Members to tackle local entrenched problems. Running since 2002 the Green Lanes Strategy Group engages with key services, local community organisations and traders to find realistic solutions to complex environmental management problems including balancing the economic development of Green Lanes with the concerns of local residents. Similar local strategy groups have been set up with Members,

local partners and residents in Myddleton Road (Wood Green) and in West Green Road.

National and International interest in our work – we've had great interest in our work from within the UK and worldwide. This year we hosted visits from Professor Maria Boehmer, German Minister for State for Integration, Migration and Refugees; a group of Ukrainian Mayors; the BBC World Today programme broadcasting live from Broadwater Farm Community Centre on diversity and social cohesion. The King Baudouin Foundation from Belgium are visiting next month to find out more about our community work.

Broadwater Farm Community Centre

The centre has undergone a number of changes to make it more attractive to local residents and customers wishing to hire it for functions. A promotional leaflet has been published setting out hire charges and contact details and this information is also available on the Council website. Adverts have appeared in local and ethnic minority press. The centre has hosted a number of community events including 'Bling your Dog' and the Andre Linton Football Cup.

Voluntary Sector

Through the Corporate Voluntary Sector Team (CVST) we run a grants programme and develop policy covering the Council's relationship with the Voluntary sector.

Review of Voluntary Sector funding across the Council

A review of funding to the voluntary sector through either grant aid or commissioning has been completed. This has identified that some £13.5million is distributed to voluntary and community organisations by Council departments this year. Further research and modification are being undertaken to make certain, as far as is possible, that all funding streams have been included.

Grant Aid Standards – we drew up these as a supporting document to the Haringey Compact. The Standards, which have been formally adopted by the Council, are being rolled out across all directorates and cover:

- Recognition of full cost recovery to ensure sustainability of services
- Clarity of funding conditions, including funds available and eligibility to apply
- Transparency, consistency and fairness of approach
- Effective monitoring and evaluation

The CVST is working with OD&L to set up a Grant Aid Standard Training course for officers.

Haringey's Compact - we received a Gold award from National Council for Voluntary Organisations on the promotion of our local Compact;

Community Buildings – a member/officer working group is overseeing our work in this area bringing together Property Services and the CVST. Joint inspections of all 43 community buildings have been carried out by officers from Property Services, Health and Safety and CVST. A dedicated Community Buildings Manager has been appointed.

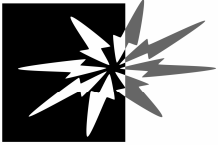
Member and Democratic services

Member Learning & Development

This work is led by a cross party Member & officer working group. We achieved Charter status in April 2007. Our member training programme continues to be popular and all members have had a personalised 1:1 Member development plan.

Area Assembly support - Member Services are working closely with Neighbourhood Management to ensure we are providing the most consistent and efficient support to Area Assembly Chairs and meetings.

HSP & Theme Boards - Clerking of the HSP and Theme boards has been standardised and brought into line with the clerking of other decision-making bodies to provide a more standardised and consistent approach.



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Agenda item:

[No.]

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 10 September 2007

Report Title: **Anti Social Behaviour – Feasibility Report on Proposed Scrutiny Review**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **N/A**

1. Purpose

1.1 To consider the commissioning of further work on the issue of anti social behaviour

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

2.1 N/A

3. Recommendations

That a further update on progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Anti Social Behaviour be submitted to the Committee by the Head of Safer Communities on the terms outlined in the report.

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4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

4.1 Background Papers:
 Haringey Safer Communities Partnership - Anti Social Behaviour Strategy
 Scrutiny Review report on Anti Social Behaviour

5. Report

Introduction

- 5.1 Anti-social behaviour is any activity that impacts on other people in a negative way and, as such, its definition is based on consideration of its impact on others. The term refers to a variety of behaviour covering a range of activity that can blight the quality of community life. A legal definition of behaving in an anti-social manner is found in Section 1(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It defines anti-social behaviour as:

'acting in an anti-social manner as a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the complainant'.

- 5.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a review on Anti Social Behaviour in 2002/3. The findings of the review were fed into the Safer Communities Partnership's Council's Anti Social Behaviour Strategy which was in the process of being developed at the time. The strategy provided the overall framework for action by the Safer Communities Partnership to address anti social behaviour and, in particular, led to the setting up of the Anti Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT).

Progress with the ASB Strategy

- 5.3 The ASBAT has been operational since 2003 and is considered to be performing very well by the government's Respect Task Force. In addition, the team have been nominated for team of the year in the Chartered Institute of Housing Public Sector Awards as well as the Guardian Public Sector Team of the Year award. The team deals with more serious, persistent or complex cases of anti social behaviour those which may require some type of legal action. In addition, it has a role in coordinating activity on anti social behaviour with the Police, Primary Care Trust, Mental Health Trust, Crown Prosecution Service, Victim Support, London Fire Brigade and other partners.
- 5.4 The ASBAT was originally part of the Housing Service but, following the setting up of the arms length management organisation (ALMO), is now part of the Safer Communities Unit within the Chief Executives Service. The team consists of dedicated anti social behaviour officers, a police officer and a lawyer. Reports of anti social behaviour are dealt with by the ASBAT in the first instance and since the team was established, it has dealt with a total of 5286 reports. All reporters are contacted by Assessment Officers, who check whether the report is within the scope of Anti-Social Behaviour and, if appropriate, make referrals to other agencies e.g. Noise Team, Housing Associations etc. Incidents of low level nuisance are referred onto appropriate Housing officers rather than being dealt with by the team. Housing Associations have their own mechanisms for addressing cases.
- 5.5 The ASBAT has successfully prosecuted individuals who have been involved in anti social behaviour and, in the more serious cases, have used Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) and injunctions to protect residents. Some of these legal applications have banned perpetrators entering the borough for up to 5 years. ASBAT figures since 2003 include:
- 120 Closure Orders (Crack House Closures - working in partnership with the police). This includes 74 in 11 months (the highest number in London).

- 48 ASBOs. The total number currently held includes those applied for by the ASBAT, Police, and Housing Associations, plus those added to criminal justice orders by Magistrates. However, the emphasis is on prevention and ASBOs are only used as a last resort.
- 112 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)
- 114 Injunctions
- 28 Possession Orders/evictions
- 5 Dispersal Orders

5.6 The ASBAT is not the sole organisation within the Borough responsible for dealing with anti social behaviour. Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) have recently become operational in every ward within the Borough. These teams blend a return to traditional community beat policing with a commitment to a more accountable and representative police service, where local people have a say in deciding the policing priorities for their communities. They have a range of functions including a responsibility for addressing “quality of life” issues such as anti social behaviour. In addition, the Council’s Neighbourhood Management Service and Neighbourhood Wardens also have a role in addressing anti social behaviour. For example;

- Area Assemblies now enable local residents to contribute ideas on how they can improve the area where they live, including tackling anti social behaviour. They are also assigned a budget to implement changes.
- Neighbourhood Wardens have also undertaken work with young people, such as arranging diversionary activities.

5.7 Homes for Haringey also have a role and deal with low level anti social behaviour involving Council tenants. Other Registered Social Landlords have their own mechanisms for their tenants.

5.8 Crime continues to be the biggest single concern for residents according to the annual Residents Survey and anti social behaviour is a particular issue. However, the percentage of residents within Haringey that perceive anti social behaviour to be a major issue has seen a significant reduction according to the 2006/7 Local Government User Satisfaction Survey (LGUSS). It has gone down from 49% in 2003/4 to 33%. This is in line with perception levels in other local authority areas which have nearly all seen sizeable reductions.

5.9 There is nevertheless now a greater public awareness of anti social behaviour and residents are actively encouraged to report it. This has generated a higher level of public expectation than previously existed and a steady increase in workload for the ASBAT. During its first full year of operation (2004/5), the ASBAT dealt with 620 calls and had 178 cases assigned to them for action. Last year (2006/7) this had increased to 756 calls, with 217 cases assigned to the team.

5.10 However, its resources have not increased in line with this and have been unchanged since it was set up. The team is almost entirely funded by grants, many of which are due to expire in the near future. It is therefore faced with an ever increasing workload and uncertainty about the future funding of its work.

Further Input from Overview and Scrutiny

- 5.11 The proposal for a further scrutiny review to be undertaken on this issue came from the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities. However, since the suggestion was made, the Safer Communities Partnership has, through its Anti Social Behaviour Partnership Board, commissioned an update of the anti social behaviour strategy. This will revisit the strategy with the aim of ensuring that recent developments are taken fully into account.
- 5.12 In the light of this work being undertaken by the Anti Social Behaviour Partnership Board, commissioning another scrutiny review might entail some duplication of effort. In addition, the original review covered the issue of anti social behaviour in some detail and it may therefore constitute a more economic use of resources to revisit the original review rather than commissioning a fresh one. It is therefore recommended that a further update on progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Anti Social Behaviour be submitted to the Committee once the update of the Anti Social Behaviour Strategy has been undertaken by the Anti Social Behaviour Partnership Board. It is recommended that, in addition to reporting on progress, the report also outlines the outcomes of the updating of the Anti Social Behaviour Strategy as well as issues relating to resources committed to dealing with ASB in the Borough (relative to the increase in case load)

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Councillors Councillors Bull (Chair), Davies, Jones, Mallett, Newton and Winskill

Apologies Councillor Egan and Ms Indu Shukla

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

OSCO14.	<p>WEBCASTING</p> <p>The meeting was webcast on the Council's website.</p>
OSCO15.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pat Egan, and from Ms Indu Shukla.</p>
OSCO16.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>Item 15, Scrutiny Review of Services For Older People and Item 17, Minutes, were admitted as late items as a result of requiring additional consultation with Members.</p>
OSCO17.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Davies declared a personal interest in respect of item 16, Whittington Consultation, by nature of being an employee of the Healthcare Commission.</p>
OSCO18.	<p>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS</p> <p>There were no such items.</p>
OSCO19.	<p>CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS - CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES</p> <p>The committee received a briefing and answers to questions supplied by Cllr Adje, Cabinet Member for Resources.</p> <p>Councillor Adje thanked the committee for varying the order of business to allow him to attend another event subsequent to the meeting and presented his briefing and key issues in his portfolio to Members. The Cabinet Member assured Councillors that his number one priority for the year was Performance, ensuring the Council maximised it's Value for Money potential whilst providing high-quality services to residents of the borough.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member assured Councillors that he continued to work on the issue of lowering sickness absence amongst Council staff, with flexible and family friendly policies being pursued and investigated. In</p>

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	<p>terms of increasing government funding for the administration of housing benefit, Cllr Adje informed Members that the Office for National Statistics was being spoken to over what was believed to be flawed census figures informing Haringey's financial allocation.</p> <p>The committee was informed that the Cabinet Member was investigating confusion relating to teachers at a Haringey school in relation to the Council's payroll. The committee was also informed that work was going on relating to sick leave, although the Cabinet Member was keen to stress that correct implementation of personnel policies was also the responsibility of individual Heads of Business Units, in addition to Personnel themselves.</p> <p>Cllr Adje closed by re-iterating his commitment to Value for Money and fiscal responsibility in all areas of spending by the Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the briefing and answers to questions be noted.
<p>OSCO20.</p>	<p>SCRUTINY REVIEW OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS</p> <p>The committee received this report to consider and endorse the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Information Technology Projects, and to refer the recommendations to Cabinet. The Cabinet Member for Resources thanked the committee for the report, and stated that he was pleased that its objectives had been achieved.</p> <p>Members noted that a recommendation from the Audit Commission's review of the Tech Refresh project was that a post-implementation review should be carried out with regards to all major I.T. projects. Members agreed that given the size of the project, it was appropriate that a review of this nature be carried out into the Tech Refresh project.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet Member for Resources write to the committee setting out the timetable for and the scope of a post-implementation review of the Council's Tech Refresh project. 2. That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Panel be endorsed and be referred to Cabinet.
<p>OSCO21.</p>	<p>BUDGET SCRUTINY</p> <p>The committee received this report to set out a process for scrutiny of the budget within the Council's financial and business planning framework, and to consider the financial strategy issues for the three-year planning period.</p>

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	<p>Members noted that training sessions for Budget Scrutiny would be convened prior to the Budget Scrutiny sessions. It was noted that in past years Members had only been able to view the 'total' budget figures at a relatively late stage. The committee expressed a view that it would be useful to do some work around base budgets, particularly in relation to Adult Social Services.</p> <p>In terms of Haringey continuing to be awarded the Floor Settlement by Ministers, the Cabinet Member for Resources assured the committee that he was engaging with ministers, and that the matter had also been taken up through London Councils.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Director of Finance and the Head of Benefits & Local Taxation arrange for Member Training to be conducted on Benefits and Benefit Take-Up. 2. That the possibility of the committee engaging in some base budget scrutiny work be investigated. 3. That the Budget Scrutiny process as set out in the report be agreed.
<p>OSCO22.</p>	<p>TOWARDS EXCELLENCE - THE COUNCIL'S END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE - APRIL 2006 TO MARCH 2007</p> <p>The committee received this report to review 2006/07 service performance against the Council's basket of key indicators reported in a balanced scorecard format.</p> <p>The committee learned that approximately three quarters of the Council's performance indicators had been achieved or were close to target. Of those that had not, various key areas had been identified for focus over the current municipal year. It was noted that approximately 80% of the performance indicators were those from the CPA or otherwise set at a national level.</p> <p>Members expressed concern over figures concerning potholes and road repairs, and the committee agreed that the Director of Urban Environment should report to the committee on this issue. Members also requested an update from the Director on the issue of street cleaning and the work carried out by Accord.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Officers explain to Members the seeming discrepancy in the rent collection figures. 2. That Officers feed back to Members on current work being carried out concerning NEATS. 3. That the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny write to the Director of

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	<p>Urban Environment inviting him to a future meeting of the committee to discuss issues around street repairs and refuse collection.</p> <p>4. That the Cabinet Member for Housing write to the committee concerning the status of the £231 million decent homes money for Homes for Haringey.</p> <p>5. That Officers provide information for Members on the 20-day target for responses to Freedom of Information requests.</p> <p>6. That the report be noted.</p>
<p>OSCO23.</p>	<p>HARINGEY COUNCIL'S PLAN 2007-2010</p> <p>The committee received this report to note the contents of the Council Plan, as well as performance against indicators and three year targets.</p> <p>The committee noted that the Plan contained the Council's key achievements in the previous municipal year, the actions that were to be taken to achieve priorities in the upcoming three years, performance against performance indicators and three year targets, details on the agreed Local Area Agreement targets and the key principles of the Council's financial strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the report be noted.</p>
<p>OSCO24.</p>	<p>CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS - CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>The committee received a briefing and answers to questions from Councillor Liz Santry, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member stated her priorities for the upcoming year. These centred around new initiatives concerning children in care, working with the Youth Service, and maintaining and raising educational achievement. She also stated that ensuring that effective monitoring and scrutinising arrangements were in place for the Building Schools for the Future programme continued to be a priority.</p> <p>Members raised queries over the usage of sprinklers in Schools. They were informed by the Cabinet Member that as discussion on this topic was taking place at a national level, definitive guidance was still being awaited. Members were informed that sprinklers were not currently being installed at this time. It was noted that the issue of sprinklers would be considered by the BSF Project Board once clearer information was available.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>

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	<p>1. That the briefing and answers to questions be noted.</p>	
<p>OSCO25.</p>	<p>SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>The committee was reported to on the subject of demand for pupil places in Haringey's Primary, Secondary and Special schools and actions taken in response.</p> <p>In response to queries relating to traffic travelling to School across the railway line, Officers agreed that information on this topic be included within an update when plans relating to the Hornsey Central Depot were finalised. Officers confirmed that Planning Area One was taking into account surplus capacity in secondary schools, with all developments in areas being taken into account. Members were pleased to note that work on the new school was on schedule.</p> <p>Members enquired into the possibility of a reception school for those children who were recent international migrants. Officers stated their belief that a conventional school provided an element of stability, and pointed to initiatives such as intense English-learning support classes at CoNEL for aiding integration.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>2. That the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People write to the committee informing them of the exact surplus figure relating to the new School.</p> <p>3. That the recommendations of the report be agreed.</p>	
<p>OSCO26.</p>	<p>POSITION STATEMENT AND UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR YOUTH PROVISION IN THE BOROUGH</p> <p>The committee received this report to note the progress, achievements and plans for future actions with regards to Youth Provision contained within the borough.</p> <p>Members stated that they hoped that maximum use was being made of the facilities which existed within the borough; Officers assured Members that they were working to see all specialist facilities used, with the media equipment at Bruce Grove being an example of this.</p> <p>Officers informed the committee of the forthcoming post-inspection action plan, and agreed to provide to Members further information on this topic in due course.</p> <p>Officers stated that they were proud of the work of the Youth Council, and agreed to provide for Members information on the democratic arrangements for elections to that body.</p> <p>Officers also stated that they were very pleased with uptake for the Summer University programme for young people.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Youth Service's BVPI's be broken down by ward and this information be provided to the committee. 2. That Officers report back to the committee with information on the Service's Post Inspection Action Plan. 3. That Officers provide to the committee a briefing addressing issues over representation on the Youth Council, encouraging Schools to elect their representatives democratically. 4. That the report be noted. 	
<p>OSCO27.</p>	<p>THE WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL NHS TRUST - PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS - RESPONSE BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p> <p>The committee received this report to agree a process for considering a response to the public consultation by the Whittington NHS Trust for foundation status. The Chair agreed to liaise with his colleagues on the committee for the setting up of a small review panel to consider with this issue.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a scrutiny review panel be set up to consider the proposed application in the manner recommended in the report, including the scope and terms of reference. 	
<p>OSCO28.</p>	<p>SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE</p> <p>The committee noted and approved the scope and terms of reference for the Scrutiny Review of Services for Older People.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the scope and terms of reference as set out in the report be approved. 	
<p>OSCO29.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny committee circulate to the Committee a note on the Cabinet's recommendations with regards to Wi-Fi in schools. 2. That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 2nd July 2007 be confirmed and signed. 	

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 30 JULY 2007**

OSCO30.	<p>IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY IN HARINGEY</p> <p>The committee received this report to be informed of the outcome of the scrutiny review of Improving Road Safety in Haringey, and to endorse it's recommendations.</p> <p>Councillor Bevan, Chair of the Review Panel presented the report and informed the committee that several of the recommendations within it had already been implemented. The committee noted that recommendations three (TfL bidding timetable), nine (Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams and school road safety training), twelve (school children conducting speed surveys), thirteen (Road Safety Strategy Group) and sixteen (20pmh zone painting) had all been initiated or were progressing well.</p> <p>The committee expressed reservations over recommendation ten, Walking Bus Scheme. The Chair of the Review stated that he did not regard the scheme is making optimum use of limited resources available. However, the committee agreed to amend the review, removing this recommendation on account of the benefits such a Scheme could bring.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the committee pass onto the Road Safety Team its thanks for the excellent work carried out with regards to the review. 2. That the committee place on record its thanks to Councillor Bevan and other Members who contributed to the review. 3. That Recommendation Ten: Walking Bus Scheme be removed from the review. 4. That the remaining recommendations of the review be agreed. 	
OSCO31.	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no such items.</p>	

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Chair

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