

MEETING

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL 2010

AT 7.00PM

VENUE

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, HENDON NW4 4BG

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (Quorum 3)

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Vice Chairman: Councillor Mukesh Depala

Councillors:

Hugh Rayner	Alan Schneiderman	Monroe Palmer <small>OBE</small>
Eva Greenspan	Alison Moore	
John Marshall	Geof Cooke	
Andreas Tambourides		

Substitute Members:

<i>Vacancy</i>	Barry Rawlings	Wayne Casey
Brian Salinger	Ansuya Sodha	Jack Cohen

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE

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Meeting	Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	8 th April 2010
Subject	Cabinet Forward Plan
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report provides Members with the current Cabinet Forward Plan. The committee is asked to comment on and consider the Cabinet Forward Plan when identifying future areas of Scrutiny work.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Enclosures	Appendix A – Forward Plan of Key Decisions
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee consider and comment on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.**
- 1.2 That the Committee consider the Forward Plan when identifying areas of future Scrutiny work.**

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1** Overview & Scrutiny Committees now receive the Cabinet Forward Plan as a standing item on their agenda for both information and comment, and also to inform decisions regarding areas of future Scrutiny work.
- 2.2** This helps to fulfil the Corporate Plan 2009/10 aspiration to enhance and further develop Corporate Governance, contained within the 'More Choice, Better Value' Corporate Priority.

3. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 In addition to the terms of reference of the committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the committee is to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 None.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 None in the context of the report.

8 CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of Scrutiny committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the constitution; the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the constitution).

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Under the new Scrutiny arrangements, all Overview & Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of Council priorities as evidenced by the Corporate Plan and the programme being followed by the Executive.
- 9.2 The Cabinet Forward Plan is included on the agenda at each meeting of the Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 9.3 The committee is encouraged to comment on the Forward Plan.
- 9.4 The committee is asked to comment on and consider the Forward Plan when identifying areas of future Scrutiny work, particularly in the context of adding value to the Council's pre-decision Scrutiny process.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.

London Borough of Barnet
Forward Plan of Key Decisions
16 March 2010

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Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
Cabinet Resources Committee 16 March 2010					
CommUNITY Barnet: Barnet Volunteer Centre – Grant Application	To consider an application by CommUNITY Barnet for the renewal of funding in support of Barnet Volunteer Centre	Policy & Performance Ken Argent			Full report
Grants to Community and Volunteer Organisations 2010/11	The policy and budget framework for the corporate voluntary and community sector grants programme in 2010/11 and attaches assessments of two applications for decision	Policy & Performance Ken Argent			Full report
Transfer of the Domiciliary Homecare Contract and the Respite Service Level Agreement	Authorisation for the transfer of the Domiciliary Homecare Contract and the Carers Respite Service Level Agreement, from Barnet Care And Support Service to Barnet Carers Centre.	Adults Gerry O’Kello			Full report
Extension of current Housing Advice contract and Foundation Service contract	Authority to further extend both the current Housing Advice contract and Foundation Service contract to 31 December 2010.	Housing & Regeneration Pam Wharfe Nick Lowther			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
Compulsory Purchase of long-term vacant properties	To make Compulsory Purchase Orders in relation to four long-term vacant properties	Leader / Resources/ Housing & Regeneration Belinday Livesey Pip Watson			Full report
Treasury Management Strategy	To approve the strategy for 2010/11	Leader / Resources Karen Balam			Full report
Cabinet 12 April 2010					
Corporate Plan	Approve latest Plan	Leader Julie Pal			Full report
Children & Young People Plan	Recommend Council to approve Plan	Children's Services Robert McCulloch Graham			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
Anticipated References from Scrutiny	Consider references on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Resurfacing • Waste Minimisation • Homelessness and Young People 	Acting Dem Serv Manager			Full report
Barnet Housing Strategy	Approve Revised Strategy in light of consultation outcome	Housing & Regeneration Lucy Shomali, Paul Shipway	Consultation with key stakeholders, citizen's panel and via web site currently under way	26 February 2010	Full report
Designated Public Place Order – Controlled Drinking Zone for Childs Hill Ward	Receive results of consultation and consider approving designation of Zone	Com Safety & Comm Eng Paul Lamb	Consultation commences 18/2/10	17 March 2010	Full report
Private Sector Rental Initiative	To instruct director to approve Private Sector Rental Initiative	Leader / Community Services Stewart Murray			Full report
Cabinet Resources Committee 22 April 2010					
Monitoring / Outturn Report	To consider a report on revenue monitoring in the current year.	Leader / Resources			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
		Maria Christofi			
Treasury Management Activity	To report on Treasury Management activity.	Leader / Resources Karen Bannister			Full report
Cabinet – 2010/11					
Local Development Framework (Core Strategy): Publication Stage	Consider outcome of consultation and approve submission draft	Planning & Environmental Protection Nick Lynch	Consultation ended 9 January 2010		Full report
Local Development Scheme	Approve revised scheme	Plg & Env Prot Nick Lynch			Full report
Graheme Park	Changes of phases and variation to Principal Development Agreement	Housing & Regen Stewart Murray			Full report
Fixed Penalty Notices	To formally adopt a range of Fixed Penalty Notice powers	Community Safety / Community			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
		Engagement Paul Lamb			
14 – 19 Decision Making Structures	To approve new decision-making structure	Children's Services Robert McCulloch Graham			Full report
Pupil Places (Primary Schools)	Review provision of primary school places for 2009/10 to meet the growing demand for school places	Children's Services Inv in Learning Robert McCulloch Graham			Full report
North London Waste Authority	Consider update on Procurement	Env & Transport Dorne Kanareck			Full report
North London Waste Authority – Publication Stage	To consider publication stage	Env & Transport Dorne Kanareck			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
Building Schools for the Future	Approval of Strategy for Change for Barnet's BSF programme	Children's Services Investment in Learning Robert McCulloch Graham			Full report
Cabinet Resources Committee – 2010/11					
Akiva School – allocation of capital funding for potential expansion	To earmark capital funding for potential expansion of Akiva School	Children's Services / Investment in Learning Alice Bolton			Full report
Mill Hill East Land Owners Agreement and Depot Site	Consider Landowners agreement	Leader / Resources Stewart Murray			Full report
Redevelopment of the Compton Centre	Authorise procurement in relation to redevelopment of the Centre.	Policy & Performance Julian Mauger			Full report

Subject	Decision requested	Cabinet Member/ author	Consultation	Last date for reps	Documents to be considered
Brunswick Park Community Hub	Approve arrangements for joint working with NHS Barnet on Osidge Lane site	Children's Service Courtney Davis			Full report

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Meeting	Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	8 th April 2010
Subject	Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Programme: 2009-10 & 2010-11
Report of Summary	Scrutiny Office This report concludes the committee's work programme for 2009-10, and seeks agreement for a draft work programme for 2010-11.

Officer Contributors	Overview & Scrutiny Office
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Enclosures	Appendix A – Committee Work Programme 2009/10 Appendix B – Draft committee work programme 2010/11 (To Follow)

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That Members of the committee note the committee's work programme for 2009/10.

1.2 That the committee consider the draft 2010/2011 work programme (Appendix B - to follow) and agree this be referred to Council.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 The work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees will reflect the Corporate Priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan:-

A successful city suburb

Strong and healthy

Promoting independence

A bright future for children and young people

Clean, green and safe

More choice, better value

3. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

3.1 Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee, June 17th 2009, 'Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2009/10'.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 This report does not compromise the Council in its compliance of its statutory equalities duties.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

8.1 The scope of Scrutiny committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the constitution; the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the constitution).

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Attached at Appendix A is the committee's work programme for 2009/10 which indicates forthcoming priorities agreed by the members of this committee. This format clearly identifies priorities and provides a detailed overview of potential items for the forthcoming municipal year. This is intended to be a responsive tool, which will be updated on a rolling basis following each meeting to allow for issues and areas of interest which may arise throughout the course of the year.

9.2 The Committee is empowered to agree its priorities and determine its own schedule of work within the programme. The development of the work programme has also considered the views of lead officers, member suggestions and the Chairman's directions following detailed discussions.

9.3 The Committee is also asked to agree its draft work programme for the next municipal year (Appendix B – To Follow), and to refer this Council for approval.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

17 TH JUNE 2009			
ITEMS CONSIDERED	INFORMATION	REPORT ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN
Budget Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 2009/10 Forward Work Programme	The Committee to consider and agree the draft work programme for 2009/10.	Internal – Scrutiny office	
Decision: That the work programme be agreed, as set out below.			
Quarter Four Performance Indicators	A report presenting progress against the Corporate Plan performance indicators at the end of 2008/09.	Internal - Performance	All Priorities
Decision: (1) That the remaining year end data be supplied to Members when it becomes available.			

- (2) That the committee delegate authority to the Chairman to invite Cabinet Members to attend future meetings where appropriate.
- (3) That the report be noted.

Financial Forward Plan	To receive a presentation by the Director of Resources on the 2009/10 budget and financial forward plan followed by suggested budget review areas for consideration as part of the 2009/10 work programme.	Internal - Resources	More Choice, Better Value
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Decision:

- (1) That the Budget Scrutiny areas outlined below be included on the 2009/10 Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.
- (2) That the report and presentation be noted.

Review of Major Projects	Review of the Council's Major Projects	Internal – Resources	More Choice, Better Value
Decision: (1) Deferred to meeting of 19th October 2009.			
Proposal to Cease the Welfare Rights Unit	Including effects of service level agreements with partner organisations	Internal – Resources	More Choice, Better Value / Promoting Independence. Proposal considered at Cabinet, 1/9/09.
Decision: (1) That the committee suggest to the Overview & Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Advice Provision in the Borough that it consider in detail the proposals to cease the Welfare Rights Unit. (2) That the committee recommend to that Cabinet that it delay its consideration of the proposal to cease the Welfare Rights Unit, pending the report of the Task and Finish Group to the Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee.			

Budget and Financial Forward Plan Updates	Report on the latest position regarding risks, pressures and the Financial Forward Plan	Internal - Resources	More Choice, Better Value
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Decision:

(1) That the Committee be provided with more narrative with regard the areas it may wish to look at in detail at its next update report in October 2009.

19TH OCTOBER 2009

ITEMS CONSIDERED	INFORMATION	REPORT ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN
Review of Corporate Projects Management	Previous title: 'Review of Major Projects'. Deferred from 23 rd July 2009.	Internal – Finance	More Choice, Better Value

Decision:

(1) That a report on the status of major projects in progress be added to the work programme of the committee.

(2) That the committee note the report.

Budget and Financial Forward Plan Update	Report on the latest position regarding risks, pressures and the Financial Forward Plan	Internal - Finance	More Choice, Better Value
<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The committee request that future Pressures and Risks and Financial Forward Plan reports feature updated information within the body of the reports themselves. (2) That officers provide the committee with the information requested. 			
Budget Consultation	To receive details on proposals for consultation on the budget.	Internal – Finance	More Choice, Better Value
<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the Committee suggest that the Authority carry out the already planned consultation as set as ‘Option A’ in the report. (2) That the Committee suggest that the Authority not carry out the optional additional consultation as set as ‘Option B’ in the report. 			

Scrutiny Involvement in the Budget Process	To set out the proposed next steps for Scrutiny involvement in the Budget process.	Internal – Scrutiny office	More Choice, Better Value
<p>Decision:</p> <p>(1) That the next meeting of the committee take place on November 26th 2009 in Hendon Town Hall as scheduled.</p> <p>(2) That an additional meeting of the committee be arranged, to be timetabled following the publication of the Budget Headlines.</p>			
26TH NOVEMBER 2009		REPORT ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN
ITEMS CONSIDERED	INFORMATION		
Quarter 2 Performance Information 2009/10	Quarter 2 Performance Information	Internal - Performance	All Priorities
<p>Decision:</p> <p>(1) That the committee note the contents of the report.</p>			

Annual Report of Partnerships	Placed on work programme by final meeting of Resources, Performance and Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 11/5/09. To incorporate information from Annual Review of LSPs to be considered by Cabinet.	Internal – Partnerships	LSPs Annual Report to be received by Cabinet, 21/10/09
Decision: (1) That the committee note the contents of the report.			
Treasury Management Controls	Update on implementation of Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee recommendations.	Internal – Finance	More Choice, Better Value
Decision: (1) That the committee note the contents of the report.			
28TH JANUARY 2010		REPORT ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN
ITEMS CONSIDERED		INFORMATION	

Budget and Financial Forward Plan Update	To include the 2010-11 Budget Headlines.	Internal – Finance	All priorities
Decision: (1) That the comments of the committee to be reported to Cabinet.			
3RD MARCH 2010			
ITEMS CONSIDERED	INFORMATION	REPORT ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN
Draft Corporate Plan 2010/11	To consider and comment on the Draft Corporate Plan.	Assistant Chief Executive	All Priorities Corporate Plan to be considered by Cabinet on 12 th April 2010
Decision: (1) That the above comments of the committee be noted by the Cabinet Member.			

Quarter 3 Performance Information	To report progress against the Corporate Plan performance indicators for quarter three of 2009/10.	Internal - Finance	More Choice, Better Value
Decision: (1) That the committee note the performance information.			
Barnet Homes Quarter 3 Performance Information	The Council has agreed a set of performance targets with Barnet Homes as part of the Arms Length management Organisation's (ALMO) annual business plan. This report provides information on performance against these targets for Quarter 3 2009-2010 and actions being taken by Barnet Homes to improve performance where it is below target.	Internal – Housing & Environmental Health	More Choice, Better Value / Clean Green & Safe / Promoting Independence
Decision: (1) That the committee note the performance information.			

Barnet Homes Draft Business Plan	Overview of the contents of the Barnet Homes Draft Business Plan.	Internal – Housing & Environmental Health	More Choice, Better Value / Clean Green & Safe / Promoting Independence
Decision: (1) That the committee note the Draft Business Plan.			
Estates Strategy Update	To include information regarding the Accommodation Strategy.	Internal – Finance	More Choice, Better Value
Decision: (1) That the Estates Strategy Review Plan be included on the Budget and Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2010/11.			
FUTURE MEETINGS		REPORT/REQUEST	
ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	INFORMATION	ORIGIN	LINK TO CABINET / CORPORATE PLAN

Restructure of Human Resources	To be considered when ready towards the end of the year	Internal - Finance	More Choice, Better Value
IS Strategy	Placed on work programme by final meeting of Resources, Performance and Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 11/5/09.	Internal – Information Systems	More Choice, Better Value
Expenses and expense allowances of Officers and Members		Internal – Democratic Services / Finance	More Choice, Better Value
Major Projects in Progress	Update on the progress of Major Projects currently operating.	Internal - Finance	More Choice, Better Value
Budget Scrutiny	<p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receiving a report on the draft budget headlines 2009/10 and discussing any issues arising - Reviewing the 2010/11 budget consultation proposals - Reviewing the results of the consultation and the impact on budget decisions of Cabinet. 	Internal – Finance	More Choice, Better Value