

Clear Lloyd-Jones Reports Options/Recommendations Action Table

Progress Update

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Item No:	Report Reference	Option/Recommendation	Option Owner	Progress update:	Deadline/Completed
1	6.1	That BG implements the same high level of control over its council reports as it does over other Committee reports.	PL	Agreed, and the IMO is undertaking this role	Completed
2	6.2	That it takes early legal advice before drafting reports, as well as taking legal advice for clearance purposes	CG/AT	An email from the Chief Executive is being drafted which will publicise the process within LBB and highlight deadlines and timetables.	
3	6.3	That HBPL provides early legal advice outlining the legal principles to be involved in council reports	PL	Council reports will be cleared by the IMO. The new monitoring arrangements will ensure this is picked up	1st April 15
4	6.4	That HBPL extends its actions of clearance within 5 days towards council reports in the same way as it does towards committee reports	PL	No new arrangements are proposed as the new Director of Assurance or Deputy will undertake this role from 1st April.	1st April 15
5	6.5	That BG informs HBPL well in advance of the subject matter of reports likely to be submitted to council meetings.	LBB	Agreed and included in item number 2 above	1st April 15
6	6.6 [referred to as 6.5 in the report]	That Barnet and Harrow review and sign the 2nd or side agreement to the IAA.	CG/CS/AT	Agreed. The role of the IMO covered within the side agreement will transfer to LBB in the proposed new arrangements.	
7	6.7	That Barnet looks carefully at the options to strengthen its governance arrangements, including looking at the contract with HBPL, addressing the issue of professional clienting of the IAA, addressing the issue of lawyers not being on site at Barnet, considering the implications of having exercising s101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to delegate all its legal functions to Harrow	CN/MG	This has been reviewed as part of the recruitment of the new Director of Assurance and Monitoring Officer which it is anticipated will be in post by 1st April and the updates as contained within points 8-11 on this table.	1st April 15
8		That the Council retains its own Monitoring Officer	AT	Since then the Council has appointed an experienced and legally-qualified person to discharge the Monitoring Officer role on an interim basis, pending the recruitment of a new Assurance Director	1st April 15
9		That a limited scope of high level corporate legal support is removed from the scope of the IAA with Harrow Council, and is instead provided "in-house" and/or through separate external arrangements	PL	The IAA will be reviewed, in discussion with HBPL and Harrow at the SMB on 21st November, to clarify that the delegation does not extend to strategic decisions on the provision of legal services, or to the Monitoring Officer function or the provision of corporate legal advice, or to any case in which Barnet identifies a possible conflict of interest with Harrow.	1st April 15
10		That the Council's Integrated Assurance Function is retained		Agreed at Council on 4th November and contained within the items above.	
11		That the outcome of negotiation with Harrow Council in respect of these matters is reported to this Committee in due course, along with detailed proposals for amendments to the Shared Legal Service IAA	PL	The IAA will be reviewed according to item 9.	