
Meeting	Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	16 th April 2012
Subject	Cabinet Forward Plan
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report provides Members with the current published 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	Appendices
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee comment on and consider the Cabinet Forward Plan for February 2012 when identifying areas of future Scrutiny work.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.

- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2012/13 Corporate Plan are: –

- Better services with less money
- Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
- A successful London suburb

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None in the context of this report.

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 and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.
- The Council is required to give due regard to its public sector equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as public bodies, Health partners are also subject to equalities legislation; consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

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

- 6.1 None.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 None save those contained within the body of the report.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

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

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Under the current overview and scrutiny arrangements, the Safeguarding Overview and 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 will be included on the agenda at each meeting of the Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee as a standing item.
- 9.3 The Committee is encouraged to comment on the Forward Plan.
- 9.4 The Committee is asked to consider items contained within the Forward Plan to assist in identifying areas of future scrutiny work, particularly focussing on areas where scrutiny can add value in the decision making process (pre-decision scrutiny).

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.