



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 9 February 2010 at 7.30 pm

Committee Room 3, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,
Wembley, HA9 9HD

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Jones (Chair)
Castle (Vice-Chair)
Clues
HB Patel
Leaman
Mistry
Thomas

first alternates

Councillors:

Beswick
Dunn
Bessong
Eniola
Motley
Kansagra
John

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Councillors:

Crane
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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Item	Page
1 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests	
Members are invited to declare any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.	
2 Deputations (if any)	
3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 December 2009	1 - 12
The minutes are attached.	
4 Matters Arising (if any)	
5 Appointments to Sub-Committees (if any)	
6 Joint Commissioning Registered Social Landlord Performance	
To follow.	
7 One Stop Service Redesign Project Update	13 - 24
This report updates elected members on the following matters concerning the One Stop Service Redesign Project in furtherance of the report submitted to Overview and Scrutiny on 9 th July 2009:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The achievement of efficiency savings identified through the business case for the One Stop Service Redesign project.• Customer contacts received via the self service facilities as part of the One Stop Service Redesign including the nature of enquiries received and any increases and decreases in particular service uses.	

8 Neighbourhood Working January 2009 - January 2010

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The report details the work of the Neighbourhood Working Team between January 2009 and January 2010. It sets Neighbourhood Working in the context of local initiatives to improve the way the council operates and the broader context of local and national elections. Expenditure is reported and analysed and a more in-depth picture of some projects is included by way of case studies. Results of consultation and actions taken to address the results are included, with a particular emphasis on joint activities with partners. The report reviews the actions taken over the last year by Neighbourhood Working and identifies issues to be addressed over the coming year.

9 Services for Women In and Exiting Prostitution

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The attached report represents the finding and recommendations of the Services for Women In and Exiting Prostitution task group.

10 Strengthening Local Democracy Task Group

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked officers to prepare a task group scoping report on strengthening local democracy. The draft scope is an appendix to this report. There are currently a number of overview and scrutiny task groups in progress which will be completed by the end of the municipal year. Therefore, it makes sense to agree a task group scope at this stage to be started early in 2010/11. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider the scoping document and confirm that it does want to set up a task group to look into this issue. Members should make their comments and suggest changes to the scope at this stage so that they can be incorporated into the scoping document. At this stage the committee does not need to nominate members to work on the task group. The group offices will be contacted to seek nominations after the local elections in May 2010.

11 Tubbs Road Councillor Call for Action

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the decisions made by the Highways Committee on 19 January 2010 in response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations to the Highways Committee on 8 December 2009.

Highways Committee Decisions, 19 January 2010

Tubbs Road Councillor Call for Action:

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the concerns of residents of Tubbs Road and Nightingale Road in relation to traffic conditions in those roads be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that officers are currently undertaking work on an Area Based Scheme (ABS) for Harlesden, which if progressed, would improve the quality of the public realm in Harlesden and could address parking and traffic issues;
- (iii) that the Head of Transportation be instructed to write to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Kensal Green ward members to confirm that the scope of the Harlesden ABS includes development of proposals to address the issues identified by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, including the possible introduction of banned turns and furthermore will include engagement with residents of Tubbs Road, Nightingale Road and adjacent streets to determine their preferred solutions;
- (iv) that the Head of Transportation be instructed to (a) undertake a review of the signage relating to the width restriction signage and make appropriate improvements; (b) install signage to direct drivers to the A40 via Scrubs Lane (A219); and (c) contact map providers with a view to ensuring that the Tubbs Road width restriction is identified on maps and satellite navigation systems; and
- (v) that the request for re-phasing the signals at the western end of Tubbs Road so as to avoid queuing in this road be acknowledged but it be noted that this is likely to encourage traffic to use Tubbs Road and that the Head of Transportation be instructed to work with Transport for London to ensure that any future changes to those signals do not increase queues in Tubbs Road.

12 Willesden Junction Station Councillor Call for Action Request 111 -
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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has received a councillor call for action request from Councillor James Powney relating to the poor environmental condition in the area surrounding Willesden Junction Station. The report highlights a number of concerns raised by Councillor Powney.

13 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 117 -
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This document, for the Committee's information, sets out the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 March 2010 at 7.30 pm.

15 Any Other Urgent Business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 64.



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