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| Contains Confidential or Exempt Information | NO |
| Title | Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2014/15 – Ealing’s Contracts, Demands and Partnerships |
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| Portfolio | Leader of the Council (Policy Overview Portfolio) - Councillor Julian Bell |
| For Consideration By | Cabinet |
| Date to be considered | 15 September 2015 |
| Implementation Date if Not Called In | 28 September 2015 |
| Affected Wards | All |
| Keywords/Index | Scrutiny, Review, Contracts, Procurement, Demand Management, Demand Management Programme Board, West London Alliance, Recommendations |

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to refer to Cabinet the final report and recommendations of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2014/15 – Ealing’s Contracts, Demands and Partnerships.

1. Recommendations

That Cabinet consider the following;

(i) the report and recommendations set out in in Section 11 and the response of Service Officers to each of the recommendations set out in Section 12.

(iii) directs service officers to produce/or finalise an action plan on those recommendations agreed by Cabinet

(iii) reports its decisions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 October 2015

2. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

Scrutiny has a role in improving decision-making and service delivery through effective scrutiny. Recommendations from Scrutiny need to be taken forward in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Constitution if the Scrutiny function is to be effective. The Scrutiny and Executive Protocol identifies the timescale for Cabinet to respond to Scrutiny recommendations. This decision will mean that the response is made in a timely manner and that services can implement the recommendations accepted.

3. Key Implications

The recommendations of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 are provided in a table format in Section 12 of the full report of the Panel in Appendix 1.

The Council Constitution (Part 2 Article 6.03) gives the OSC power to 'set up individual specialist panels to investigate and report back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee ...' Part 4 of the Constitution, Scrutiny Procedure Rules (par.10) identifies that OSC prepares a formal report on its recommendations and submits it to Cabinet.

Where appropriate, service officers have identified the financial, legal and any other pertinent implications against each recommendation to enable Cabinet to reach a decision.

4. Financial

The service officer response, including suggested actions which may have potential financial implications, to each recommendation is provided in Section 12 of Appendix 1.

The majority of the recommendations have no financial impact or can be contained within existing budgets. Where a recommendation involves additional funds then these will have to be obtained through the normal budgeting process. In the present financial situation, where additional funds are required compensating savings will have to be found.

5 Legal

The constitution requires that Scrutiny Review Panel recommendations be submitted to OSC for approval prior to submission to Cabinet. These were considered by the OSC Chair and Vice Chair on 28 July 2015.

The legal implications are outlined against the recommendations, as appropriate. Where additional legal support is required to implement recommendations, this will be met by the service concerned.

6 Value for Money

The effectiveness of Scrutiny is measured by the quality of its recommendations to Cabinet and the extent to which it has contributed to both democratic renewal and Members' community development role. The Panel held open public meetings and solicited views through expert witnesses to ensure a regular and sustained input to the work of the Panel.

If recommendations arising from Scrutiny are not taken forward and implemented in a timely manner then improvements to service delivery are not being made in an efficient and effective manner

There are no value for money issues arising directly from this report. The Panel's work, carried out largely within existing budgets, was carried out without having to engage paid outside assistance.

7. Sustainability Impact Appraisal

There are no direct impacts arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

There are no risks directly arising from this report.

9. Community Safety

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

10. Links to the 6 Priorities for the Borough

A Prosperous Borough

Cost effective use of resources to delivery maximum benefits for residents and businesses

A Healthier Borough

N/A

A Safer Borough

N/A

A Cleaner Borough

N/A

A Fairer Borough

Ensuring that job opportunities developed for Ealing residents through the Council's contracting powers are of a high quality

An Accessible Borough

N/A

11. Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion

No Equality Impact Assessment was required for this report.

12. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications:

There are none directly arising from this report.

13. Property and Assets

None

14. Any other implications

None

15. Consultation

The recommendations take into consideration the views of local partners, carers and foster carers as expressed at the meetings held by the Panel.

16. Timetable for Implementation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will monitor, twice yearly, the implementation of the recommendations accepted by Cabinet.

| Cabinet Action | | Date | Service Implementation |
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| 1. | Cabinet accepts some or all recommendations. | 15 September 2015 | 28 September 2015 in line with Call-in requirements. |
| 2. | Cabinet requests further information. | 15 September 2015 | Service provides additional information for Cabinet on 20 October 2015. |
| 3. | As a result of further information, Cabinet accepts or rejects remaining recommendations. | 20 October 2015 | 2 November 2015 – in line with Call-in requirements. |
| 4. | Cabinet responds to Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 8 October 2015 <i>(if no additional information is requested)</i> <i>or</i> 12 November 2015 <i>(if additional information is requested)</i> | |

17. Appendices

Appendix1 – Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2014/15 – Ealing’s Contracts, Demands and Partnerships

18. Background Information

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)

Agendas and Reports from the meetings of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2014/15 - Ealing’s Contracts, Demands and Partnerships can be found at: http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/91/Default.aspx

For information about Scrutiny in Ealing, including meeting dates and work programmes, go to [Scrutiny in Ealing](#)

Consultation

| Name of consultee | Post held | Date sent to consultee | Date response received | Comments appear in paragraph: |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Internal | | | | |
| Greg Birch | Head of Repairs and Maintenance | 29/07/2015 | 31/07/2015 | |
| Matthew Booth | Director of Policy and Performance | 29/07/2015 | 19/08/2015 | |
| Judith Finlay | Director of Children and Families | 29/07/2015 | 17/08/2015 | |
| Maria Christofi | Director of Finance | 29/07/2015 | 18/08/2015 | |
| Tim Smith | Head of Procurement Operations | 29/07/2015 | 30/07/2015 | |
| Simon Brooke | Employment and Skills Manager | 03/08/2015 | 13/08/2015 | |
| Donna Wootton | Head of Emergency Management | 03/08/2015 | 13/08/2015 | |

Report History

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