



# Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy Overview Committee

Date:

THURSDAY, 21 JULY 2011

Time:

7.00 PM\* PLEASE NOTE

THE START TIME

Venue:

COMMITTEE ROOM 5 – CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH STREET, UXBRIDGE, UB8

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Meeting Details:

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

this meeting

### **Councillors on the Committee**

Richard Lewis (Chairman)
Michael White (Vice-Chairman)
Beulah East (Labour Lead)
Robin Sansarpuri
Neil Fyfe
Raymond Graham
Shirley Harper-O'Neill
Richard Mills

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## **Policy Overview**

### **About this Committee**

This Policy Overview Committee (POC) will undertake reviews in the areas covered by the Deputy Chief Executive's Office and Finance and Resources Directorate and can establish a working party (with another POC if desired) to undertake reviews if, for example, a topic is cross-cutting.

This Policy Overview Committee will consider performance reports and comment on budget and service plan proposals for the Deputy Chief Executive's Office and Finance and Resources Directorate.

The Cabinet Forward Plan is a standing item on the Committee's agenda.

The Committee will not consider call-ins of Executive decisions or investigate individual complaints about the Council's services.

### **Terms of Reference**

The Constitution defines the terms of reference for Policy Overview Committees as:

- 1. To conduct reviews of policy, services or aspects of service which have either been referred by Cabinet, relate to the Cabinet Forward Plan, or have been chosen by the Committee according to the agreed criteria for selecting such reviews;
- 2. To monitor the performance of the Council services within their remit (including the management of finances and risk);
- 3. To comment on the proposed annual service and budget plans for the Council services within their remit before final approval by Cabinet and Council;
- 4. To consider the Forward Plan and comment as appropriate to the decision-maker on key decisions which relate to services within their remit (before they are taken by the Cabinet);

Policy Overview Committees will not investigate individual complaints.

This Committee performs the Policy Overview role in relation to the following services:

- 1. human resources and personnel service;
- 2. e-Government and ICT;
- 3. democratic services;
- 4. legal services;
- 5. the Council's property portfolio, including property and asset acquisition and disposal, and capital programme;
- 6. corporate finance, including:
  - a. development of a medium term budget strategy;
  - b. scrutiny of the Council's management of its resources;
  - c. reviewing the operation of the Council's financial rules making proposals to the Cabinet and/or Council for their development
- 7. the Council's overall performance and corporate improvement work particularly in relation to the Comprehensive Performance Assessment and Corporate Assessment;
- 8. economic development and single regeneration budget;
- 9. the Local Strategic Partnership and Community Strategy;
- 10. Local Area Agreement;

- 11. community partnerships and the Council's voluntary sector strategy;
- 12. corporate aspects of diversity & equalities policy;
- 13. Best Value;
- 14. any other cross-cutting portfolios that might be created and any functions not included within the remit of the other Policy Overview Committees.

# Agenda

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes of meeting held on 9 June 2011 (Pages 1-4)
- 4 Exclusion of Press and Public
  - To confirm the items of business marked Part I will be considered in public and that the items marked Part II will be considered in private.
- 5 Budget Planning Report for Central Services 2012/13 (Pages 5-10)
- First Major Review Effectiveness of the Audit Committee and its Terms of Reference Draft Scoping Report (Pages 11-28)
- 7 Recent Power Cut in the Civic Centre

### **TO FOLLOW**

- 8 Challenges to the Voluntary Community Sector in Hillingdon (Pages 29-32)
- 9 Procurement in Hillingdon (Pages 33-36)
- **10** Work Programme 2011/12 (Pages 37-40)
- 11 Cabinet Forward Plan (Pages 41-44)