

**FIRST MAJOR REVIEW 2013/14:
USING OUR WATER: IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND DEVELOPING
LONG-TERM STRATEGIES**

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REASON FOR ITEM

To consider the draft scoping report on a major review into water conservation that was put forward as a topic at the last meeting of the Committee.

Officers will provide Members with a brief presentation on the topic of water conservation within Hillingdon which will give an overview of some of the key issues facing the Council with regards to current water usage and existing policies / strategies.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To give consideration to the detail contained in the draft scoping report and to make comments and suggestions on the detail contained within.
2. To request clarification and further information from officers.
3. To agree the scoping report and the witnesses that will be required for the Committee to conduct its review.

INFORMATION

1. At its meeting of 31 July 2013 this Committee identified the Borough's water conservation as the first major review of the 2013/14 Municipal Year. Following this meeting the attached scoping report has been produced to provide the Committee with draft terms of reference for the review and information on possible lines of enquiry.
2. Officers have suggested that the Committee could profitably review three main areas of the Council's current approach to water usage:
 - a. Water and our green spaces;
 - b. Water and our corporate estate; and
 - c. Developing our water strategy.More information on each these areas and how a review could produce savings, efficiencies and clearer strategies is set out in detail in the scoping report itself.
3. To ensure that each of these key areas is addressed as comprehensively as possible, it has been suggested that the witness sessions follow the three sub-headings set out above. In agreeing to this structure the Committee should be advised that there will be three witness sessions in total meaning that a draft final report would be considered at the meeting of 21 January 2014.

4. It should be noted that the suggested timeframe would have implications on whether the Committee would have sufficient time to undertake a minor review prior to the end of the municipal year.
5. The review will identify areas for improvement and future development and, if needed, will bring forward positive and practical policy recommendations.

PAPERS WITH THE REPORT

Draft Scoping Report (Appendix A)