

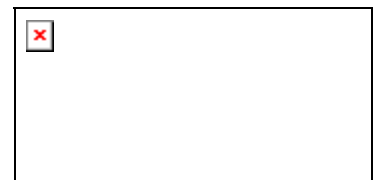
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SCRUTINY PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10



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Foreword by Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Welcome to the 2009/10 annual report of Enfield Council's Scrutiny Panels. I hope you find the time to have a look through this report.

Once again this has been a busy year for scrutiny in Enfield. Not only have the Panels continued to look at a large range of issues but we have also successfully introduced a new Panel to look at issues around placeshaping and enterprise. In addition we have completed a major and very topical review around young peoples life opportunities within the borough, on which we continue to monitor the impact of the recommendations made.

The Annual Report highlights scrutiny's main achievements and successes over the past year and how we have worked with our partners, service users and the local community to achieve them.

I would like to thank all councillors and officers who have contributed to the Scrutiny function over the last year along with the wide range of participants from the local community and other partner/stakeholder groups, without whom we would not have been able to carry out our work.

Councillor Martin Prescott
Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2009/10



What is Scrutiny?

The Local Government Act 2000 gave local authorities the power to scrutinise. The aim being to make local government and its decision-making process as open and transparent as possible, with greater public accountability. These powers have now been extended by the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which cover scrutiny of partner organisations and have introduced the Councillor Call for Action.

Scrutiny Panels in Enfield have a key role to play in:

- providing a critical friend challenge to the executive policy makers and decision takers;
- providing a mechanism for the voice and concerns of the public and other local stakeholders to be heard;
- contributing towards the development of Policy & Strategy;
- driving improvement in public services;
- conducting robust evidence based reviews carried out by independent minded governors who lead and own the process.

Scrutiny in Enfield

In Enfield the support to scrutiny is provided through the Corporate Governance Division, including an 'independent' scrutiny unit.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) manages the overall scrutiny function. In addition to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee the Council has seven Scrutiny Panels that cover the following areas:

- Adult Social Services;
- Children's Services;
- Crime & Safety – newly set up in 2008/09;
- Environment, Parks & Leisure;
- Health;
- Housing;
- Place Shaping & Enterprise – set up during 2009/10

Five out of the seven Panels are chaired by councillors from the majority Group and two by councillors from the main Opposition Group.

The work undertaken by scrutiny is based on work programmes set at the start of each year. Each Panel operates with the councillors and other co-opted Members, who form their membership, aiming to gather as much evidence as they can before proposing improvements and changes for the Council, Health Authorities, local Community Safety Partnership or other partners to consider.





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The Panels also seek to encourage public participation and the organised involvement of residents, customers, partner agencies and staff in the Scrutiny process.



Looking Forward: Future Challenges

New powers for scrutiny introduced, from April 2009 onwards, have added to the role expected of the scrutiny function. These changes have given new powers to ward councillors, both individually and collectively through scrutiny, to scrutinise a wide range of local partners including the local Community Safety Partnership in a programmed manner.

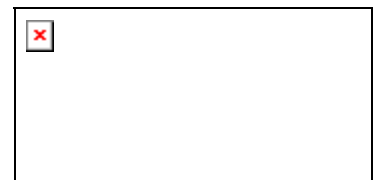
This has been accompanied by introduction of a duty for a wide range of public sector partners to respond to scrutiny in Enfield.

2009/10 has also seen introduction of the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA). This gives ward councillors the ability to raise local issues of concern formally through scrutiny. Scrutiny's role in the CCfA process is by means of "last resort", with issues only being raised through scrutiny once all other resolution avenues have been exhausted. The process for dealing with CCfAs has been designed to focus on outcomes and resolutions for councillors and the local community rather than on processes and sit alongside existing mechanisms for councillors to resolve issues, whilst still meeting the statutory duty placed on scrutiny to consider issues raised and respond in a timely manner. An update on use of the procedure during 2009/10 has been provided as part of the report from Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The Council has also been required, as a result of the Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009, to appoint during 2009/10 a Statutory Officer for Scrutiny, which in Enfield is the Head of Corporate Scrutiny.

A number of other key challenges/opportunities for improvement have also been identified for the following and future years:

- Implementation of additional new powers for scrutiny relating to petitions, contained within the within the Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009;
- Development of scrutiny's involvement and role in the concept of Total Place and the new/existing performance frameworks for local public services. It is anticipated that the involvement of scrutiny will increasingly be linked to the formation of judgments about how public bodies are seen to be delivering outcomes for local residents;
- Continuing to work with and scrutinise a wide range of local partners;
- To continue working to set realistic, focussed and well-balanced work programmes with fewer items allowing more detailed review and capacity for any issues raised under CCfA and the new petitions scheme;
- to increase engagement of the public and other interested stakeholders in the work being undertaken by scrutiny;



- to continue the very effective collaborative (cross-party) working between Scrutiny Chairman & members;
- to continue focussing on member development based on the scrutiny member development programme, which will have even more importance during 2010/11 following the local council elections in May 2010;
- continuing work to raise the national and regional profile of Enfield's scrutiny function as an example of good practice;



Improving local services - Key Achievements for Scrutiny in 2009/10

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Following engagement with pupils from a local primary school, the issue of admission charges for children at The Edmonton Leisure Centre was raised. A series of Scrutiny meetings were undertaken, resulting in children obtaining free admission to The Shokk Gym for the length of the school summer holiday.

Photo of breakfast event with the Turkish Community to be inserted.

Community engagement is a vital activity in many areas of Scrutiny work. In partnership with the Police, Scrutiny organised an event with the local Turkish Community to ascertain their opinions and thoughts on crime and safety in the Borough. This was only one of several successful community events held over the past year.

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A piece of scrutiny work has progressed in relation to The Hanlon Centre Project. Councillors have visited the Centre to view the range of activities available for young people in the area. Funding arrangements and development schemes continue to be reviewed.

Following on from the Young Peoples Life Opportunities Commission, the Authority created a Parent Engagement Panel. The role of this panel is to develop parents, within the Borough, who would not ordinarily seek assistance. As a result of this Scrutiny work, the Parent Engagement Panel has received £165,000 in funding.



Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Cllr Martin Prescott (Chairman)

Other Committee members:

Cllr Anne-Marie Pearce (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Achilleas Georgiou

Cllr Vivien Giladi

Cllr Robert Hayward

Cllr Paul McCannah

Cllr Jonas Hall

Education Statutory Co-optees:

Alicia Meniru & 1 vacancy (Parent Governor)

Simon Goulden (Other denomination rep)

Vacancy (Roman Catholic rep)

Vacancy (CofE rep)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for the leadership, management and co-ordination of the Council's scrutiny function. The Committee approve an annual scrutiny work programme, so as to ensure that each Panel's time is effectively and efficiently utilised and also manage involvement of scrutiny in the Council's annual budget consultation process.

The Committee is also responsible for dealing with the call-in procedure. Call-in is a process, which allows Members of the Council to request that the implementation of decisions taken by Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Directors are suspended to enable further review.

During 2009/10 the Committee has dealt with seven call-ins. Two of these resulted in the decision being referred back for reconsideration. In one case (Concessionary Travel Assessments) the decision was reconfirmed although this was with support from the Committee, following a detailed review of the issues raised and in the other the decision was reconfirmed, although not subsequently implemented. The other five resulted in the original decisions being confirmed, although this was subject to various conditions that the Committee has continued to monitor throughout the year.

This year has also seen the introduction of Councillor Call for Action (CCfA). This provides members with an opportunity to formally raise issues of local concern with scrutiny where other methods of resolution have been exhausted. To date three issues have been referred onto the Committee for consideration. All three have been accepted as CCfAs and have been passed onto the relevant Scrutiny Panel for more detailed review. In two cases this led to the actions sought under the CCfA being achieved. The third issue is currently under review. It is also important to recognise



the successful role played by Corporate Scrutiny Services as “gatekeeper” in seeking to resolve as many issues as possible, taking away the need for them to be referred onto the Committee. The success achieved under Enfield’s CCfA has been

recognised nationally, particularly in terms of the support to members in their representational roles.

The work programme of the Committee has included updates on the delivery & development of the Local Area Agreement, HR Performance Indicators and Equalities Standards for Local Government, as well as on the Council’s response to recommendations from the Audit Commission on management of the Green Belt. The Committee has also monitored progress against the Council’s Corporate Communications Strategy Action Plan and use of the Council’s urgency procedures.

Of particular interest to the Committee this year has been the traffic impact assessment relating to use of the selected site in Ponders End for location of the Oasis Hadley Academy and progress being made across the Council in developing the programme of work placement opportunities and introducing a Council Apprenticeship scheme. This later review led to the Committee making a successful reference to Cabinet highlighting its support for the Apprenticeship Scheme and work being undertaken to engage with other partners and external providers (including the private sector) in developing the scheme.

As part of its management and co-ordination role the Committee has undertaken an annual evaluation of the scrutiny function as well as monitoring the progress being made with the implementation of recommendations from scrutiny reviews, which are being tracked through a monitoring system.

The Committee is also considering the establishment of a Commission for 2010/11 to undertake a detailed review of a paper referred onto them by Council, relating to the talking of inequalities. 2010/11 is also expected to see the introduction of new arrangements (under the Local Democracy Act 2009) in relation to petitions, in which scrutiny will have a role and which will therefore need to be managed through Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2010/11 Contact Details

Chairman: Councillor Toby Simon Vice Chairman: tbc

Corporate Scrutiny Officer: Mike Ahuja

Democratic Services Secretary: James Kinsella Tel: 0208 379 4041

Full details of the panels full work programme and completed reviews



Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel



Councillor Paul McCannah (Chairman)

Other Panel Members:

Councillor George Savva MBE (Vice
Chairman)

Councillor Chaudhury Anwar MBE

Councillor Adrian Croshaw

Councillor Jayne Buckland

Councillor Chris Joannides

Councillor Eric Jukes

Councillor Jeff Rodin

Councillor Eleftherios Savva

The remit of the panel, is to focus on the social services needs of adults. This includes care provided by the Council and our partners (for example Enfield NHS), implementation of national policy and local issues which might affect service users.

A working group, already established by the previous panel to review the accessibility and acceptability of mental health services, reported its findings on adult community mental health services provided in Enfield.

A special joint meeting of the Health and Adult Social Services Panels was held in July to discuss a joint commissioning strategy for adult mental health services proposed by Enfield, Barnet and Haringey primary care trusts. The working group's report provided background information and contributed to the briefing from the Joint Scrutiny Panel to Cabinet in September. Mental health commissioning and provision of services will continue to be monitored closely by both panels.

A report on Personalisation of Care was brought to the first panel meeting and a working group established to check progress and developments. Following initial monitoring of the new Home Meals contract and the Home-Based Care contract it was agreed to consider both home meals and home-care in the Personalisation of Care review. The panel also felt that Day Care should be included in the review.

The panel were updated on safeguarding adults, including the newly published Enfield strategy. Members of the panel were given the opportunity to attend a training session on safeguarding adults from abuse on 23 March 2010.

The Care Quality Commission's Annual Performance Assessment Report for 2008/2009 was considered in January. The overall grade for the delivery of outcomes was 3 (performing well) out of 4, with two of the seven separate areas improving to grade 4 (performing excellently). The Panel were pleased to congratulate the Department and all staff on the improved outcomes.



In addition to these areas of scrutiny, the panel agreed to monitor income collection and debt write-off, recruitment and retention of qualified social workers and managers,

and the re-tendering of the new home-based care services contract and the new home meals contract.

The Health and Adult Social Care budget was also presented to Members in January in advance of a special Scrutiny Budget Commission.

2010/11 Panel Contact Details

Chairman: Councillor George Savva: Vice Chairman: Councillor Chris Joannides

Corporate Scrutiny Officer: Linda Leith

Democratic Services Secretary: Jayne Bott Tel: 0208 379 4042

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Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

Photograph of
the Chairman

Councillor Vivien Giladi (Chairman)

Other Panel members:

Councillor Elaine Hayward (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Peter Fallart (replaced Councillor Henry
Lamprecht from December 2010)

Councillor Del Goddard

Councillor Eric Jukes

Councillor Dino Lemonides

Councillor Paul McCannah

Councillor Rohini Simbodyal

Councillor Ann Zinkin

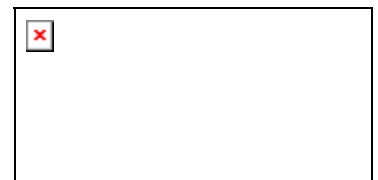
Statutory Co-optees: Alicia Meniru (Parent Governor Representative), Vacancy (Church of England Diocese), Vacancy (Catholic Diocese) Simon Goulden (representing other faiths /denominations)

Non Voting Co-optees: Vacancy (Primary Headteachers' Conference), Cheryl Byamukama (Secondary Headteachers' Conference), David Byrne (Enfield Colleges Principals Group),

The panel carries out scrutiny in relation to education, schools, early years, youth and social care services for children and young people.

This year a key piece of work was the completion of the panel's health visitor review. A working group was set up in response to Headteacher worries about the increasing numbers of children starting school with poorly developed emotional, physical and social skills. Particular concern was raised about the withdrawal of the universal two year health visitor check, which would formerly have picked up problems at an early stage. The review recommended that NHS Enfield re-consider its mechanisms for providing the two year health check, increase the numbers of health visitors to children, that organisations work together to intervene more proactively when dealing with family health problems and finally that the scrutiny panel review Special Education Need's processes. NHS Enfield will be responding to these recommendations.

Primary pupil places also came under scrutiny. Enfield has a growing child population and there is a severe shortage of places. In July the panel received an update on the current situation and in December, in response to a call in on the Pupil Places Ten Year Strategy, they set up a working group to consider in more detail the proposals for addressing the problem as well as the medium and long term strategy for meeting the needs.



Work will include a review of the measures taken to meet past peaks in demand, specific plans for 2011, new strategies such as all age schools, planning for future developments and an analysis of past data to consider success in predicting need and

assumptions about placement flexibility. The working group will also look at whether demographics and a particular area's geography and general accessibility should be reviewed before pupil places are created.

Reviews on Youth Engagement and Under 18 Conceptions continued.

The Youth Engagement Working Group completed its work and has made recommendations on how to improve young people's engagement in the Council's democratic processes. They are suggesting that more funding should be available to help run the very successful Youth Opportunities Fund Enfield, that the Children's Trust and departments across the council give a higher priority and show greater commitment to the Youth Involvement Strategy, improvements to be made to websites aimed at young people, as well as better use of new electronic media.

The Under Eighteen Conception Working Group, a joint group made up of officers from both the council and local health authorities, as well as panel members, have been looking at the reasons behind the increase in the under eighteen conception rate in Enfield, and the strategies being used to bring it down. Interim recommendations include working with younger children - in years 5 and 6, ensuring that all officers use the Common Assessment Framework, more effective collection and sharing of conception data and that the Enfield Strategic Partnership takes decisions on grant funding, based on local evidence.

Over the year the panel also examined other significant issues. Changes are about to take place in the provision for 14-19 year olds with the transfer of funding for 16-19 year olds from the Learning Skills Council and the expansion of the vocational diploma. The panel were particularly concerned that sufficient courses at a basic level would be offered, as these were felt to be lacking in Enfield.

With regards to safeguarding children, there had been a major increase in the numbers of children reported to the authority, as a result of the publicity surrounding the Baby Peter Case in Haringey. The panel were reassured to hear that Cabinet had agreed an increase of £500,000 to cope with additional cases and hoped that funding would continue, despite the economic climate. Future funding was also raised in relation the Family Intervention Programme. During Budget Consultation, the panel queried the deletion of posts within the Educational Psychology Service because of rumoured long waiting lists for treatment; a department working group was set up, in response, to look at the proposals in more detail.



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Information on the attainment of children on free school meals was well received, but more information requested on longitudinal and range data which would inform strategic decision making.

Finally regular updates were received on the Local Area Agreement targets linked to children's services and the work of the Children's Trust Board as well as monitoring reports on adoption, fostering, children's social care complaints, recruitment and retention of social workers, youth service objectives and the Local Safeguarding

Children's Board business plan. Panel members were also kept informed about progress in addressing the recommendations from previous reviews into pupil mobility, early years/foundation stage, looked after children, young carers and exclusions.

2010/11 Panel Contact Details

Chairman: Councillor Ingrid Cranfield: Vice Chairman: Councillor Jon Kaye

Corporate Scrutiny Officer: Claire Johnson

Democratic Services Secretary: Penelope Williams: Tel: 0208 379 4098

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Crime & Safety Scrutiny Panel

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Councillor Robert Hayward (Chairman)

Other Panel members:

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Pamela Adams

Councillor Kate Anolue

Councillor Kris Brown

Councillor Peter Fallart

Councillor Henry Lamprecht

Councillor Kieran McGregor

Councillor Terence Smith

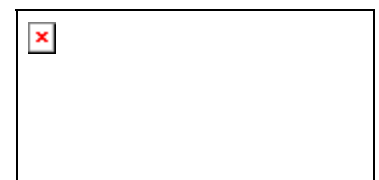
Non-Voting Co-optee: Mr Adrian Bishop-Laggett
(Enfield Police Partnership Group – Management Committee)

The Crime and Safety Scrutiny Panel covers all aspects of crime and safety issues including fear of crime, anti social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and emergency planning. This year the Panel has worked in partnership with Enfield Homes, the Metropolitan Police, transport providers, the Fire and Rescue Service, and registered social landlords.

In its second year of operation, the panel has had further success in carrying out specific area reviews, particularly around the Bowes & Southgate Green wards. The panel looked at how issues relating to crime, anti-social behaviour together with the appearance and safety of the area, as a whole, were being addressed. This has resulted in improvements to street signs, a deep cleansing programme and the provision of locks to housing properties. Part of the work also involved monitoring the area's street sweeping programme.

One of the highlights, this year, has been the community engagement work undertaken by the Panel to support the Safer Stronger Communities Board with consultation around its Partnership Plan and priorities. This has involved specific consultation events being arranged for hard to reach sections of the community including Muslim women, young people, those affected by mental health issues and the Turkish Community. The priorities identified in the SSCB Partnership Plan will be used to inform the panel's work, next year.

The Panel has also continued its review on Safer Transport Interchanges. This has been undertaken by a Working Group set up by the Panel to consider the current arrangements for policing the main transport interchanges in the borough. Issues identified included the need for more live CCTV monitoring, both at Edmonton bus



station and local railway stations; more CCTV cameras on train stations; additional buses on the most congested routes; and also consideration of the possibility of

reintroducing bus conductors, at peak times. Completion of the review will need to be carried forward into the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

Enfield Fire and Rescue Service's key priorities and achievements were looked at and a separate review undertaken on fire safety in the housing blocks within the borough, following the tragic fire in Southwark earlier this year.

Concerns have also been raised about the number of Bail Accommodation Support Scheme places located in the borough. Whilst the scheme is run by the Ministry of Justice National Offender Management Service, the Panel has received a briefing on the scheme, how it's managed locally and the involvement of the Safer Stronger Communities Board in local monitoring arrangements.

Arrangements to tackle anti social behaviour were also examined. The panel were interested in the multi agency approach and the procedures in place to help prevent events similar to the high profile case of Fiona Pilkington in Leicestershire.

Finally, the Panel has also kept a watching brief on the review of partnership arrangements to tackle domestic violence across the borough. This has included a look at how awareness is being raised around the support available for victims and training being provided for professionals to help recognise cases of domestic violence and intervene. As part of this review the Panel was given the chance to view a hard hitting awareness raising DVD entitled "Leaving".

2010/11 Panel Contact Details

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Corporate Scrutiny Officers: Mike Ahuja/Sue Payne

Democratic Services Secretary: James Kinsella Tel: 0208 379 4041

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Environment, Parks and Leisure Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Martin Prescott (Chairman)

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Other panel members:
Councillor Chris Bond (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Adrian Croshaw
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Adrian Croshaw
Councillor Annette Dreblow
Councillor Norman Ford
Councillor Donald McGowan
Councillor Geoffrey Robinson
Councillor Terence Smith

This panel covers all environmental issues, as well as the parks, open spaces, leisure and recreation.

It was a very full year for the Panel with subjects as diverse as speed cameras and the future strategy for the Borough's parks.

The work of the Panel began with a good news story. Having listened to the views of young people and then receiving a report on the Shokk Gym at Edmonton Leisure Centre, it was agreed to give free access to children during the summer holiday.

The Allotments Working Group presented their final report and the recommendations are now being implemented. This work involved a great deal of joint-working with stakeholders, councillors and officers.

An additional meeting of the Panel was convened in October. The meeting was held to discuss the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. Over 50 members of the public attended the meeting which allowed interested groups to question the Cabinet Member and relevant officers on the content of the draft document. The comments received have now influenced the final strategy document.

The provision and value of speed cameras was scrutinised, with representatives from Transport for London and appropriate pressure groups invited to the December meeting. A future meeting of the Panel would consider the police role in tackling speeding and poor driving generally.

Following on from discussing the use of speed cameras on our roads, the Panel received a report on traffic management and 20mph zones. Members were keen to see the varying measures employed to calm traffic, especially in proximity to schools.



While scrutinising the flow of traffic through our Borough, the Panel also reviewed parking enforcement and supported the recommendations of the Cabinet Report.

Members of the Panel have enjoyed visiting schools to witness the continuing success of the eco-detectives initiative.

As part of the budget consultation process, Members and public were asked to provide comments on the proposals for Environmental Services. The comments received were reported to the Annual Budget Commission.

Other reviews presented to the Panel include de-cluttering the street scene, community toilet scheme and cycling and cycle routes. In addition, a number of issues have been monitored throughout the year, including trading standards, the PFI lighting contract, the New River Loop and sustainability and climate change.

2010/11 Panel Contact Details

Chairman: Councillor Alan Sitkin Vice Chairman: Councillor Ann Zinkin

Corporate Scrutiny Officers: Andy Ellis

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Health Scrutiny Panel

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Councillor Anne-Marie Pearce (Chairman)

Other members of the panel:

Councillor Christiana During (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Chaudhury Anwar MBE

Councillor John Boast

Councillor Andreas Constantinides

Councillor Denise Headley

Councillor Ruth Hones

Councillor Terence Smith

Councillor Kate Wilkinson

The Panel covers all NHS health services that are provided for the local population and continues to be one of the most active in relation to undertaking site visits to witness services in action.

The review of breast screening has been completed and members were able to view the new facility, with digital equipment, at the Forest Health Care Centre.

The other main review completed this year was End of Life Care. This involved liaising with NHS Enfield and the North London Hospice. In particular the funding of this important service has been scrutinised with the Chief Executive of North London Hospice attending a Health Panel Meeting to discuss a way forward with NHS Enfield.

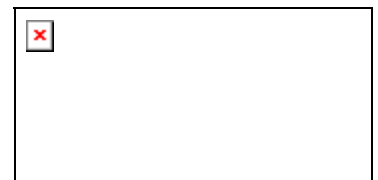
Members have continued to monitor the development of the Evergreen Health Centre, in particular the provision of the new walk-in facility. Two visits have been undertaken, to view the facility and to meet with staff to discuss the variety of services provided.

The provision of Mental Health Services continues to be a subject for the Panel and Members were extremely interested when visiting the mental health unit at Chase Farm Hospital in September. The work relating to this subject will continue in the new Municipal Year.

The re-development of North Middlesex Hospital has been on-going for some time and Members welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Chief Executive of the hospital on site to discuss progress to date and future service provision.

The Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy was the subject of a workshop held in December attended by the Members of the Health, Children's & Adult Services Scrutiny Panels, NHS Enfield and Hospital representatives to understand clearly the BEH Clinical Strategy

Implementation Programme and what will be required to fulfil the different stages.



The financial position of NHS Enfield has been under constant scrutiny throughout the year. In order to better understand the situation, Members have worked with NHS

Enfield to produce a clearer way in presenting the financial information in public, which has been well received.

The panel has also received reports and commented on:

- Enfield Community Services tendering process
- Dental Health assessments in schools
- Foundation Trust Status
- Care Quality Commission
- Hyper-Stroke and Major Trauma Centres
- Clinicenta Contract
- Swine flu
- The use of 084 telephone numbers in GP surgeries
- Councillor Call for Action
- Reducing alcohol related admissions

2010/11 Panel Contact Details

Chairman: Councillor Michael Rye Vice Chairman: Councillor Christine Hamilton

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Housing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou (Chairman)

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chairman to be
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Other Panel Members:

Councillor Lee Chamberlain (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Kris Brown

Councillor Christopher Cole

Councillor Don Delman

Councillor Tony Dey

Councillor Jonas Hall

Councillor Chris Murphy

Councillor Ann Zinkin

Co-optees

Nigel Homer (FECA)

Sarah Thompson (Christian Action Housing)

The Panel, Chaired by Cllr Achilleas Georgiou, is responsible for the Scrutiny of Housing Strategic, Operations, Technical, Property Services, Enfield Homes and community issues affecting housing in the borough.

The Panel monitored Enfield Homes Council governance arrangements, overview of the current performance of Enfield homes against the delivery plan targets, performance monitoring and efficiency saving improvement plan.

The Panel commented on the proposed Enfield Homes Local Area Panels resident involvement framework. Whilst the Local Area Panels are in place on paper, members were disappointed that these were not fully operational and confirmed that they would like this issue revisited in the new municipal year. (See minutes of 9/09/2009, 17/11/2009 and 10/03/2010)

Enfield Homes achieved two star status in July 2009. Following this, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) confirmed that the Council would receive an additional £14.5m in 2009/10 & £34m in 2010/11 to support Decent Homes programme, with £1.5m for Social Housing Energy Programme. The original Housing Capital Programme for 2009/10 had been approved as £24.12m.

Scheduled programme work and issues considered by the panel.

- Enfield Homes Repairs and Maintenance Service. (9/09/2009)
- Housing Capital Programme. (9/09/2009)
- Enfield Housing Market Assessment. (9/09/2009)
- Supporting People Services to enable vulnerable people to achieve or remain living independently in their accommodation / home. (17/11/2009)



- Place Shaping – Sustainability / Social Housing Ponders End / Meridian Water / New Southgate. (17/11/2009)
- First Point of Contact and Repairs and Maintenance Service. (17/11/2009)
- Consultation on the Council's *proposed Budget / Rent* setting for 2010/11. (14/01/2010)
- Homelessness Strategy Action Plan and current situation with temporary accommodation. (14/01/2010)
- Community Halls update report and current position. (14/01/2010)
- Leaseholder Service Charges (10/03/2010)
- Implementation of Enfield's Empty Property Plan (10/03/2010)
- Housing Benefit (10/03/2010)
- Tackling Overcrowding in Enfield (10/03/2010)

The panel arranged a special meeting with Enfield Homes, the Housing Cabinet Member, Council Officers, Notting Hill Housing Trust and local North Circular road residents. The meeting allowed the panel to engage in and hear a full discussion by all present. The panel noted that improvements to the area will be funded by a grant of £54.4 million from the Homes and Community Agency and Notting Hill Housing Trust is to invest a further £35.6 million to refurbish these homes. It was confirmed that Transport for London had finalised the plan for the road improvements. (23/11/2009, update on TfL properties 14/01/2010)

The panel would like to put on record thanks to retiring Councillor Dey for his sterling work and dedication.

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Full details of the panel's full work programme and completed reviews are available on the



Place Shaping & Enterprise Scrutiny Panel



Councillor Jonas Hall (Chairman)

Other panel members:

Councillor Del Goddard (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Pamela Adams

Councillor Adrian Crowshaw

Councillor Christiana During

Councillor Denise Headley

Councillor Donald McGowan

Councillor Andrew Stafford

Councillor Ann Zinkin

Mid way through the year Council created a new panel to scrutinise the significant work on place shaping and enterprise being carried out across the borough. The panel remit covers the development of the core strategy, area action plans, enterprise, as well as community engagement in place shaping.

Three meetings have been held so far. At the first meeting the panel were able to feed into the public consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, a key document, setting the principle development plan for the area and under pinning spatial planning policy. They also received separate information on planning policy in relation to larger homes and play provision and fed into the council's budget consultation,

At later meetings they looked at the council's recession action plan, discussed local area agreement targets impacting upon place shaping, considered section 106 planning agreements, place shaping activities in Ponders End and the council's support for businesses in the borough.

Next year the panel plans to look at items in more depth and carry out detailed reviews into particular issues.

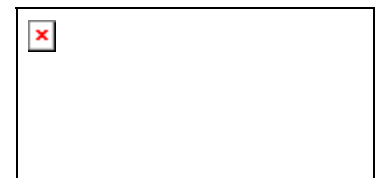
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- Suggesting suitable topics for a future Scrutiny investigation; or
- Getting involved in reviews on particular subjects under Scrutiny
- Visit www.enfield.gov.uk/Scrutiny

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We would welcome your views and comments on scrutiny and on the content of this report. If you would like to know more about the scrutiny function please refer to the contact information provided.

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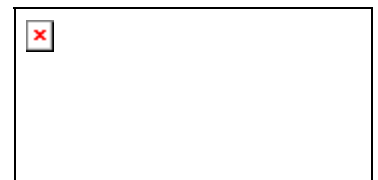
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Appendix A: Scrutiny- Some Key Statistics

In 2009/10 Scrutiny Committees have:

- Held over 65 meetings, including Public and working group meetings
- 45 different councillors served on the 7 Scrutiny Panels
- Dealt with 7 call-ins. Of these 2 decisions were referred back for reconsideration while the remaining 5 were reconfirmed.
- Considered 3 formal Councillor Calls for Action, which were all referred onto the relevant Scrutiny Panel for further review. In 2 cases this has lead to the actions being sought having been achieved. The third case is awaiting review.
- Sent 2 in depth reviews to Cabinet for consideration with all recommendations from these reviews being accepted.
- Examined the budget proposals for each Council Group and submitted comments to Cabinet.
- Visited various community facilities and front line services including the Hanlon Centre for a range of community engagement activities, Borough's Public Safety Monitoring Centre and various Friends of the Park activities.



Appendix B: Engagement of Community/Stakeholders Giving Evidence in 2009/10

Every care has been taken to ensure that all organizations involved with scrutiny over the year have been listed. We apologise if anyone has been missed. Your contributions are still very much appreciated.

Age Concern	Federation of Enfield Community Association
Allotment Site Secretaries	Federation of Enfield Residents' Allied Association
Alzheimer's Society	Friends of the Parks Groups
Barnet & Chase Farm Hospital Trust	Hanlon Centre
Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Mental Health Trust	Local GP Medical Council
Christian Action Housing	London & Quadrant HA
Centre for Public Scrutiny	Metropolitan Housing Association
CIDA	Metropolitan Police Authority
Circle Anglia HA	Mind in Enfield
Chance UK	Muslim Women Group Edmonton
Craig Park Youth Club	NHS Enfield
Dazu	North Middlesex University Hospital Trust
Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club	Notting Hill Housing Association
Edmonton Advice & Service Development Bureau	One-to-One
Enfield Children & Young People Services	All Primary Schools
Enfield Community Empowerment Network	Riverlink Housing Co-operative
Enfield Community Police Partnership	Ruff Diamond
Enfield Disability Action	Safety Camera Partnership
Enfield Fire & Rescue Service	Sort It! Lifeline
Enfield HOMES	St Giles Trust
Enfield Link	Staff and Pupils of Southgate College
Enfield Mental Health Users	Stroke Action
Enfield Parent Partnership	Transport for London
Enfield Over 50's Forum	Turkish/Kurdish Community Associations
Enfield Racial Equality Council	Unison & GMB Trade Unions
Enfield Saheli	Youth Engagement Panel
Enfield Victim Support	Youth Opportunity Fund Panel
Enfield Voluntary Action	Youth Offending Service
Faber Maunsell Consultants	
Fairtrade Steering Group	
Faith Forum	

