

**Decisions taken by the Healthier Communities Select Committee on Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Minutes 9 November 2011	The minutes were agreed as a true record.
<b>A3</b>	Response from Mayor and Cabinet: Implications of the Health and Social Care bill	RESOLVED: To receive and note the interim response, in anticipation of a full response when the Bill becomes law.
<b>A4</b>	SLaM: Community Opportunities Service	RESOLVED: To note the report.
<b>A5</b>	Premature Mortality Review - Physical Activity Evidence Session	RESOLVED: The Committee thanked the witnesses for their time, and noted the evidence given.
<b>A6</b>	Library and Information Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee wishes to record its thanks to the anchor organisations, their staff and many volunteers for all the hard work they have put into developing, and providing, a wide range of resources and activities for local people. The Committee was impressed with the progress already made in engaging local people, delivering improvements in the buildings and in delivering a wide range of activities and support at each location.</li> <li>• The Committee notes that the library and information service is still in transition after its recent restructure, and that the community libraries are still developing. The Committee also notes that the anchor organisations consider they would benefit from further developing the supportive working relationships they are building across the three organisations.</li> <li>• The Committee urges the Mayor and Cabinet to continue to do all it can to keep all of the libraries operating fully, and to continue to support the close working relationships between the anchor organisations and the Council's library and information service.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED: To refer the views noted to the Mayor and Cabinet</p>

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<b>A7</b>	Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM03 - The Committee requests that officers ensure all relevant sections, of the savings proformas, are completed with sufficient key information. In this instance particularly, the Committee would have found it useful to know the total budget from which the saving is proposed to be taken, the percentage of the total budget the saving proposal represents, and the detail of any historical decisions that impact on the delivery of the savings proposal.</li> <li>• COM06 - Whilst welcoming officers' focus on value for money when negotiating placement costs with providers, the Committee cautions that the stability of placement and level of service, for these service users with the highest levels of need, must remain an absolute priority in all contract negotiations.</li> <li>• COM07 - The Committee is concerned that a savings figure has been projected with, as of yet, no real plan in place as to how the saving will be achieved. Whilst understanding the imperative of implementing personal budgets, the Committee is concerned that an informed decision about this saving proposal cannot be made without consideration of further detail, specifically: the current service provision, the total budget from which the saving is to be made (and the percentage of the total this savings figure represents) and the potential practical impact of the resultant service reorganisation on service users.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED: To refer the views noted to the Public Accounts Select Committee</p>
<b>A8</b>	Select Committee Work Programme	RESOLVED: to remove the libraries item from the next meeting as the matter had been concluded satisfactorily this evening.