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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Declarations of Interests	<p>Councillor Muldoon declared a personal interest in Item 9 as an elected member of the SLAM Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Councillor Allison declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a member of the Board of Quo Vadis.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest in Item 14 as a member of the LFEPA.</p>												
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on November 27 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.												
<b>A3</b>	Announcements or Communications	There are no decisions relating to this item.												
<b>A4</b>	Petitions	<p>Councillor Fletcher presented a petition bearing 22 names calling on the Council to repair the fence bordering Ambleside and the alleyway at the back of the gardens of Ashgrove Road, Bromley BR1.</p> <p>Councillor Till presented a petition bearing 80 names calling on the Council to make Houston Road a no through road except for access and emergency vehicles.</p>												
<b>A5</b>	Public questions	<p>8 questions were received from the following member of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers will be circulated separately.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="855 1276 1686 1417"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="855 1276 990 1313">1.</td> <td data-bbox="990 1276 1352 1313">Ray Woolford</td> <td data-bbox="1352 1276 1686 1313">Cllr Wise</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="855 1313 990 1350">2.</td> <td data-bbox="990 1313 1352 1350">Patricia Richardson</td> <td data-bbox="1352 1313 1686 1350">Cllr Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="855 1350 990 1386">3.</td> <td data-bbox="990 1350 1352 1386">Peter Richardson</td> <td data-bbox="1352 1350 1686 1386">Mayor</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="855 1386 990 1420">4.</td> <td data-bbox="990 1386 1352 1420">Ray Woolford</td> <td data-bbox="1352 1386 1686 1420">Cllr Wise</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Wise	2.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Smith	3.	Peter Richardson	Mayor	4.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Wise
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<b>A7</b>	Setting the Council Tax Base, the NNDR Base & Discounts for Second Homes and Empty Homes	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Council Tax Base of 73,941.2 Band D equivalent properties be approved for 2014/15;</li> <li>2. The Council Tax Base calculation for 2014/15, as set out in the annual Council Tax Base government return, be noted;</li> <li>3. The budgeted Council Tax collection rate of 95.5% be approved;</li> <li>4 A 0% discount for second homes for 2014/15 be continued;</li> <li>5. A 0% discount for empty homes – Class A (an empty property undergoing structural alteration or major repair to make it habitable) be continued;</li> <li>6. A 100% discount awarded for a period of four weeks and then a 0% discount thereafter, for empty homes – Class C (a substantially empty and</li> </ol>																														

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		<p>unfurnished property) be continued;</p> <p>7. An empty homes premium of 50% applied in respect of long term empty properties be continued;</p> <p>8. The proposed National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) estimated net yield of £45.964m, based on the NNDR mid-year forecast for 2013/14, be noted; and</p> <p>9. A local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014/15 that passes on the government cut in grant in full be retained, as set out in the Mayor &amp; Cabinet report on 4 December 2013.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Independent Person Appointments	RESOLVED that Erica Pienaar and Wendy Innes be appointed to act as the independent person for the London Borough of Lewisham until further notice.
<b>A9</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board Voluntary Sector Representative	RESOLVED that Peter Ramrayka be appointed to the Health and Wellbeing Board as a voluntary sector representative.
<b>A10</b>	Appointments	RESOLVED that Councillor Pauline Morrison be appointed to the Shadow Safer Neighbourhood Board and to the Safer Neighborhood Board when established.
<b>A11</b>	Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Fletcher and Seconded by Councillor Maines	The motion was not approved.
<b>A12</b>	Motion 2 Proposed by Councillor Maines and Seconded by Councillor Feakes	<p>RESOLVED that the following motion be approved:</p> <p>“This Council recognizes the dangers of Fixed Odds Betting Machines and their proliferation throughout the borough, and fully supports action to give</p>

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		<p>local communities powers to tackle the number of Fixed Odds Betting Machines in their areas.</p> <p>Council is concerned that the clustering of betting shops in or close to deprived communities is being driven by increasing revenue from fixed odds betting terminals (FOBT) rather than traditional over the counter betting;</p> <p>Council believes that this has encouraged betting shop operators to open more than one premises in close proximity to one another; is aware of the growing concern in many communities about the detrimental effect this is having on the diversity and character of UK high streets;</p> <p>Council is alarmed that people can stake as much as £100 every 20 seconds on these machines and is further concerned that the practice of single staffing in betting shops leaves staff vulnerable and deters them from intervening if customers suffer heavy losses thereby undermining efforts by the betting industry to protect vulnerable customers;</p> <p>Council further believes that local authorities should be able to establish a separate planning class for betting shops and that they should be given additional licensing powers to determine the number of FOBT machines within existing and proposed shops and to require that the machines are modified to slow the rate of play and to interrupt when people play for long periods. Council calls on the Government to put local people before the interests of the betting shop operators and give local authorities the powers they need to respond to concerns from their local communities and stop the proliferation of FOBT machines and betting shops.”</p>

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<b>A13</b>	Motion 3 Proposed by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Wise	<p>RESOLVED that the following motion be approved;</p> <p>“The Council notes with concern statistics released on 3rd September 2013 which placed Lewisham as the 12th worst borough affected by air pollution.</p> <p>The Council notes that the coalition Government consulted on changes with the Local Air Quality Management Review which was widely criticised as an attempt to hide the facts about air pollution. The council did respond and this is noted.</p> <p>The Council further notes that the Government have published a response to this consultation announcing that a further review is due in 2014.</p> <p>The Council notes that nitrogen dioxide contributes to respiratory problems, particularly with regards to aggravating asthma and causing problems such as colds, flu and bronchitis. Children with asthma are particularly put at risk by these levels of pollution. Emergency hospital admissions in Lewisham for asthma for those aged under 19 are significantly higher than the UK average.</p> <p>Council notes that most of the air pollution within an urban area such as London arises from emissions from motor vehicles.</p> <p>Council notes that Mayor of London also has responsibility for the quality of air in London and that he has failed to address the issue since he was elected to office.</p>

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		<p>Council further notes that regular air quality monitoring takes place in the borough and that areas which fail to meet the Air Quality Objectives are designated as Air Quality Management Areas and an Air Quality Action Plan put in place with measures aimed at reducing the concentrations. Measures contained in the Air Quality Action Plan include encouraging cycling and walking.</p> <p>Council calls on the Mayor of London to take urgent action to tackle the levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air and focus on reducing the number of cars on our roads by reducing public transport fares.</p> <p>Council urges the Mayor of London to take air quality into account when considering any further river crossings in East London.</p> <p>Council commits to continuing to monitor the quality of air in the borough and will continue to implement the Air Quality Action Plans where appropriate and will respond to the forthcoming Government consultation likewise”.</p>
<b>A14</b>	Motion 4 Proposed by Councillor Ingleby and Seconded by Councillor Britton	<p>RESOLVED that the following motion be approved;</p> <p>“The Council condemns the closure of ten fire stations across London including Downham by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London on Thursday 9th January 2014.</p> <p>The Council remains gravely concerned that the fire station closures together with the loss of 552 firefighters and significant service reductions will increase response times and reduce the fire service capacity throughout London.</p>

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		<p>This Council is committed to protecting the lives of Lewisham residents and will continue to monitor the impact of the reductions in fire cover and raise local concerns. Therefore, the Council calls upon the Mayor of Lewisham to write to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London with our condemnation and concerns.”</p>
<b>A15</b>	<p>Motion 5 Proposed by Councillor Bonavia and Seconded by Councillor Handley</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the following motion be approved:</p> <p>“Council condemns the above inflation fare increases being imposed by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, at the same time that he is planning to cut 750 frontline station staff across the network.</p> <p>The result will be that Londoners will be paying more money for a worse service with the price of a Zone 1 to 4 annual travelcard increasing by 3.2% to £1,800 and bus pay as you go services going up to £1.45, an annual increase of 4.8% but representing a 55p rise since 2008. Council notes that these are just 2 examples of the inflation busting increases coming in on 19th January. Council notes that despite his promises bus fares have now risen by over 60% since Boris Johnson became Mayor in 2008 and this comes at a time when Londoners are being hit by rising prices for food, fuel and other basic living costs ”</p>