

Decisions taken by the Housing Select Committee on Wednesday, 3 April 2013

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair	Resolved: to agree Councillor Handley as Chair of the Committee and Councillor Davis as Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2013/14.
A2	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013	Resolved: to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
A3	Declarations of interest	Councillor Bell declared a non-prejudicial interest, as a Lewisham Homes Board Director
A4	Work programme report 2013-2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee agreed to expand the ‘Discharge into the ‘PRS/Out of Borough Procurement’ item, to a broader item called ‘Housing Supply and Demand’ that will be spread over two meetings, and will also consider inviting guests such as representatives from Crisis/other London boroughs/tenants for the evidence sessions. • The Committee to add an item about upgrading Lewisham’s existing housing stock. The Chair said that funding that may become available from the Government to upgrade existing homes. If it does, the Council could make a bid to receive funding. Officers had requested a list of properties from Lewisham Homes which might be suitable for upgrading, using the available funding. The Committee would then receive an update later in the year • An item on the review of Housing Strategies and Policies will be delayed until the next municipal year. By the end of this 2013-14 officers should have the necessary policy positions to begin to update the strategies and policies that are due to expire at the end of 2014. • An update on the Newham Public Sector Licensing Scheme will be added to the work programme, and scheduled for the October meeting, to assess its impact over the first six months. • The Committee agreed to an Emergency Services Review, under the terms of reference agreed in the report, in the May and June meetings. It was also suggested that

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		<p>representatives from Lewisham Homes and the Fire Service be invited to attend.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The work programme be agreed, and updated in light of the recommendations made at the meeting.</p>
A5	In-depth review into low cost home ownership: draft report and recommendations	RESOLVED: That the report be agreed, after the suggestions to amend the report and recommendations are made. The revised recommendations are listed in Appendix B.
A6	Housing Matters Update	RESOLVED: That the report be noted.
A7	Matters to be referred to Mayor & Cabinet	<p>Referral on agenda item: In-depth review into low cost home ownership: draft report and recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the In-depth review into low cost home ownership report be agreed, after the suggestions to amend the report and recommendations are made.