

Decisions taken by the Public Accounts Select Committee on Monday, 11 November 2013

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013</p>
A3	Response to PAC cross borough working	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>The Committee received the response from Mayor & Cabinet.</p>
A4	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the next budget monitoring report should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further details on Cultural and Community Services, including local assemblies and sport. • Comparator figures from previous years on the housing rent collection rate. • Further details on large capital projects <p>That further information on contracts that are due to come to an end should be supplied to the Committee.</p>
A5	Funding and Financial Management of Adult Social Care Review	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Chair's foreword, executive summary and agreed recommendations are inserted into the final report and referred to the next available Mayor & Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The personalisation agenda within Adult Social Care should be further pursued and promoted by the Council as a way of offering services that are more flexible and suited to individual needs, as well as creating savings. • The increased use of direct payments for services should be promoted, ensuring

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		<p>that there is effective oversight and monitoring of the direct payment process in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local markets supplying Adult Social Care services to those in receipt of direct payments should be further developed, with particular attention paid to supporting local voluntary and community groups that promote social cohesion. • The Committee supports the work carried out so far to integrate Adult Social Care with health services. This work should be maintained and further advanced with the new Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, GP Practices and Public Health. Opportunities for further savings should be explored through integrating budgets and creating efficiencies. • Knowledge of Adult Social Care and the services it offers should be improved among all areas of the health sector. Promoting and improving signposting to Adult Social Care Services could provide improved longer term health outcomes and increased value for money. • An assessment should be carried out of the short-term impact that deferred payments for care introduced under the Care Bill will have upon Council finances and ensure there is adequate provision made for any impact. • The feasibility of forming a Local Authority Trading Company to trade in Adult Social Care services should be explored. • Contracts held by Public Health should be re-examined when due to be renewed, with funding directed towards areas that will not only lead to longer term health improvement but could also contribute to reduced future spending. • That the London Living Wage should be paid for all those providing residential and domiciliary care in London for Lewisham service users, including those employed via direct payments. • That further scrutiny and monitoring is carried out by the appropriate select

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		committees on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The development of the local market for Adult Social Care services. ○ The in-house direct payments process.
A6	Select Committee work programme	Resolved: The Committee agreed the work programme
A7	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved: The Committee agreed to refer the Funding and Financial Management of Adult Social Care Review to the next available Mayor & cabinet meeting, subject to the inclusion if the Chair's Foreword, Executive Summary and Recommendations.