

Decisions taken by the Housing Select Committee on Wednesday, 19 June 2013

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Part A – Items considered in public		
A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2013	Resolved: to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May as an accurate record.
A2	Declarations of interest	Councillor Bell declared a non-prejudicial interest as board member of Lewisham Homes.
A3	Emergency services review	<p>Resolved: That the Committee's views be referred to Mayor and Cabinet.</p> <p>The Committee wishes to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of sprinkler systems in containing fires and preventing loss of life. The Committee believes that this is particularly important because of the changes being proposed in the draft fifth London safety plan, which could result in the closure of two of Lewisham's fire stations.</p> <p>The Committee supports the work undertaken by Lewisham Homes and recommends that the Council urges other housing providers to adopt a similar risk based approach.</p>
A4	Preparation for the housing benefit cap in Lewisham	<p>Resolved: That the Committee's views be referred to Mayor and Cabinet.</p> <p>The Committee wishes to commend officers for the work they have carried out in preparation for the implementation of the government's changes to housing welfare. The Committee also commends the work that has been done with the Council's partners, including the voluntary sector, to mitigate the most damaging impacts of the changes on Lewisham's citizens.</p>
A5	Housing matters	Resolved: to note the report.
A6	Select Committee work programme	<p>Resolved: to make the following amendments to the work programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item on Heathside and Lethbridge to be moved to the Committee's work

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		programme for 2014/15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To add an additional item on Housing Matters to the Committee's work programme in September.
A7	Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved: to refer the Committee's views on items three and four to Mayor and Cabinet.