

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Agenda

Tuesday, 21 January 2014
7.00 pm, Committee Room 1
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Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Members

Members of the committee, listed below, are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 January 2014.

Barry Quirk, Chief Executive
Thursday, 9 January 2014

Councillor Pauline Morrison (Chair)	
Councillor Jim Mallory (Vice-Chair)	
Councillor Olufunke Abidoye	
Councillor Jackie Addison	
Councillor Anne Affiku	
Councillor Paul Bell	
Councillor Duwayne Brooks	
Councillor Patsy Foreman	
Councillor Michael Harris	
Councillor Dan Whittle	
Councillor Alan Hall (ex-Officio)	
Councillor Kevin Bonavia (ex-Officio)	

MINUTES OF THE SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 22 October 2013 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Pauline Morrison (Chair), Jim Mallory (Vice-Chair), Olufunke Abidoye, Anne Affiku, Paul Bell, Duwayne Brooks, Patsy Foreman and Dan Whittle and

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jackie Addison

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Glass (Principal Lawyer), Salena Mulhere (Overview and Scrutiny Manager), Aileen Buckton (Executive Director for Community Services), Liz Dart (Head of Culture and Community Development), Barrie Neal (Head of Corporate Policy and Governance), Rosario Mincher (Director) (Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network), Joanne Bish (Treasurer, Equaliteam Lewisham), Mike Lewis (Procurement Programme Manager) (Chair, Equaliteam Lewisham) and Anthony Reid (Director) (Equaliteam Lewisham)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2013

RESOLVED: That the minute of the meeting held on 3 September 2013 be agreed as a true record.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Supporting the integration of refugees

Rosario Mincher gave a presentation to the Committee. The key points to note were:

- The organisation was formed in 1991 and became a registered charity in 1996.
- It currently has 10 paid staff and 7 trustees and is funded in part by Lewisham Council, as well as NHS Lewisham and Comic Relief
- It provides a range of support and information advice services for refugees and immigrants, including practical support such as clothes and hot lunches for those in need
- Last year nearly 500 people used the advice services, some of them numerous times. Of those people, 80% were Lewisham residents and they came from a wide range of countries of origin
- Information and advice services offered include, immigration support, welfare benefit support, health and housing support
- The barriers to integration were felt to be; language barriers, lack of employment opportunities, discrimination and a negative public/media perception of immigration, health issues and lack of ICT skills
- LRMN help tackle the barriers to integration with practical support and close working with statutory agencies across the borough and beyond
- A brief survey of clients recently found that the majority were positive about their experience of being an immigrant living in Lewisham and felt supported and engaged locally

- Of the 274,900 residents in Lewisham, 91,000 were non- UK born. The largest numbers of those come from Jamaica and Nigeria
- There are currently 8221 Eastern European immigrants in Lewisham, approximately 4000 of which are Polish

In response to questions, Rosario Mincher advised:

- The focus of the organisation is helping people to settle and get the support they need to find some sort of “stability”; to find a job, somewhere to live, money to buy food etc, rather than helping them feel British
- There is currently no specific project in place at LRMN but such a project could be developed if there was a need and funding was provided
- All refugees are migrants, but not all migrants are refugees – the name was changed from refugee to refugee and migrant network to include all migrants wanting support
- Most migrants currently coming to Lewisham at the moment are from Eastern Europe and Latin America. Most refugees are coming from Somalia, Vietnam, Eritrea and Afghanistan
- The negative media around immigration is a big challenge, lots of people the organisation work with report being scared to go out as they fear being targeted

RESOLVED: To thank Rosario for the very informative update, and to receive a further update next year.

4. Lewisham race equality organisation update

Mike Lewis and Anthony Reid gave a brief introduction to the work of EqualiTeam to date. The key points to note were:

- Mike Lewis advised that he is director of a local social enterprise that works locally with young offenders and local tradespeople his organisation recently renovated local library buildings, works with youth organisations in the borough such as TNG and Urban Youth.
- Mike Lewis took part in the Operation Black Vote programme, which encouraged and supported him to take a greater role in local civic life, which has led to him taking the role as Chair of EqualiTeam. Anthony Reid has been appointed a director and Joanna Bish is the Treasurer.
- The organisation has been in the process of setting itself up, doing practical things such as appointing Anthony, setting up bank accounts, agreeing a logo and key policies. Capacity and governance are both being developed
- The aim is to ensure that the organisation is a fit-for-purpose, community driven organisation by the time of its Annual General Meeting in 2014, with the support of funding from Lewisham Council and seed funding.
- The organisation is a new organisation but it has inherited the legacy of Lord Ousleys work, there is an away day planned for November which will help produce a ‘road map’ to focus the work of the organisation
- A key focus of the organisation will be to provide Equalities and Diversity support to organisations to help them develop their practices, such as recruitment, to ensure that policies and practices are reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose; EqualiTeam will act as a critical friend to help organisations improve

- The organisation will also scrutinise the services delivered locally and develop community engagement to build understanding of what the issues are locally, and campaign and lobby for change where it is identified, through engagement and research, as needed
- The organisation is very small and the borough and population of Lewisham is very large, EqualiTeam will do the best it can to support equality across the borough.
- The organisation has funding for three years, that will be an appropriate point to take stock and measure the outcomes of the organisation

In response to questions, Mike Lewis, Anthony Reid and Joanna Bish advised:

- The remit of the organisation is different to that of predecessors. The 2010 Act brings together a range of separate areas under one Act, and the principle of fairness for all people with the protected characteristics underpins the approach of the organisation
- If EqualiTeam achieves its vision, in 5 years time Lewisham will be a better place to live, with a sense of ownership and empowerment for all communities, with all people feeling included, represented and empowered
- Anthony Reid's personal opinion is that positive discrimination creates an environment where those who have worked hard can feel short changed and can create disincentives for people to feel engaged
- When using the term "Homogenised Equality", Anthony Reid is referring to the bringing together of all of the 9 characteristics under one Act, following on from previous Race Relations Act, Disability Discrimination Act etc. The term reflects the equality for all focus
- Race equality is one strand of work that EqualiTeam will focus on, along with all other protected characteristics and it is equally as important as the other strands; it is important to keep pace locally with national policy, which since 2010 has focused on bringing together all of the equalities issues rather than focusing solely on one protected characteristic in isolation – if the organisation was to do that it would lose credibility.
- EqualiTeam can't be held accountable for the history of events before its introduction, or compared with Race Equality Action Lewisham, as it is a different organisation with a different purpose and will lack impact unless
- The Black Staff Forum in Lewisham Council still exists and is still funded but is now called the Black and Minority Ethnic Forum. Redundancies in recent years have directly impacted on staff who were active members of the Black Staff Forum.

RESOLVED: Members noted that they had previously been advised that redundancies had not disproportionately impacted on BME staff, so members wish to have circulated to them data on redundancies in recent years, broken down in relation to race. Members also wish to invite EqualiTeam to provide a further update in a year's time.

5. Councillor Call for Action

Councillor Morrison advised the Committee that Councillor Owolabi-Oluyole's call for action had been allocated to the Committee by Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. Councillor Morrison further advised that Councillor Owolabi-Oluyole had been invited to attend the meeting to introduce his report, but had not responded and was not present at the meeting.

Helen Glass outlined the legal and constitutional framework for dealing with a Councillor Call for Action.

Liz Dart outlined the recent history of Parker House, the poor state of repair of the building and the estimated cost of addressing the building issues.

The Committee discussed what action it could take.

RESOLVED: Though he was invited to make representations to Safer either in writing or in person, Councillor Owalabi -Oluyole did neither. In view of this, having considered the report before it, the committee resolved to report the matter to the Mayor and Cabinet for consideration.

6. Select Committee work programme

Salena Mulhere introduced the report.

RESOLVED: The Chair to liaise with the Scrutiny Manager and make any necessary amendments to the work programme to ensure the workload at the next meeting is manageable if the budget item is forthcoming.

7. Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED: Though he was invited to make representations to Safer either in writing or in person, Councillor Owalabi -Oluyole did neither. In view of this, having considered the report before it, the committee resolved to report the matter to the Mayor and Cabinet for consideration.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chair:

Date:

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
Title	Declaration of interests		
Contributor	Chief Executive	Item	2
Class	Part 1 (Open)	Date	21 January 2014

Declaration of interests

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1. Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct:

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2. Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member's knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
 - (a) that body to the member's knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and

(b) either

- (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
- (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

3. Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

4. Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

5. Declaration and Impact of interest on members' participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take not part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before

the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.

- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

6. Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

7. Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

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Agenda Item 3

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Title	Response from Mayor and Cabinet to matters referred by the Select Committee: Transforming Rehabilitation	
Contributors	Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration (Head of Business & Committee)	Item: 3
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 January 2014

1. Summary

This report informs members of the response given at Mayor and Cabinet to a referral in respect of recommendations to the Mayor following the discussions held on a report on Transforming Rehabilitation which the Select Committee considered in July 2013.

2. Purpose of the report

To report to members the response on Transforming Rehabilitation given at Mayor and Cabinet to recommendations made by the Select Committee on July 29 2013.

3. Recommendation

The Select Committee is recommended to receive the Mayoral response to their consideration of Transforming Rehabilitation.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Mayor considered the attached report entitled 'Response to the Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Probation Service report 'Transforming Rehabilitation' at the Mayor and Cabinet meeting held on 13 November 2013.

5. Mayoral response

- 5.1 The Mayor received an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Councillor Janet Daby, and a representative of the Executive Director for Community Services.
- 5.2 The Mayor resolved that the response shown in the attached report be submitted to the Select Committee.

Background papers

Mayor and Cabinet minutes November 13 2013

If you have any queries about this report, please contact Kevin Flaherty, Head of Business & Committee, 0208 314 9327

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MAYOR AND CABINET			
Report Title	Response to the Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Probation Service report 'Transforming Rehabilitation'		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director for Community Services		
Class	Part 1	Date: 13 November 2013	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the views and comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee arising from the probation service report '*Transforming rehabilitation*', which advised the Select Committee on changes affecting the future of the probation service.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Mayor:

- 2.1 Approve the responses from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments from the Safer Stronger Select Committee.
- 2.2 Agree that this report should be forwarded to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 '*Transforming Rehabilitation – a revolution in the way we manage offenders*' describes the Government's proposals for reforming the delivery of offender services in the community to reduce reoffending rates whilst delivering improved value for money for the tax payer.
- 3.2 The proposals include:
- opening the majority of probation services to competition, with contracts to be awarded to providers who can deliver efficient, high quality services and improve value for money;
 - commissioning to be managed centrally, with specifications informed by local delivery requirements within 21 regional contract package areas, to generate economies of scale and deliver efficiencies, whilst responding to local needs; Dividing up the probation services into 1 National Probation Service and 21 Local Package Areas (LPAs) which will be opened up to the market. (London will be 1 LPA)

- New statutory rehabilitation extended to all offenders sentenced to less than 12 months in custody
- contract package areas to align closely with other public service boundaries, to support more integrated commissioning in the future;
- more scope for providers to innovate, with payment by results as an incentive to focus on rehabilitating offenders – we expect to see increased use of mentors and an emphasis on addressing offenders' 'life management' issues;
- A change to the way the prison estate is organised with the aim of establishing a 'through the prison gate' resettlement service, meaning most offenders are given continuous support by one provider from custody into the community
- key functions to remain within the public sector, including the direct management of offenders who pose the highest risk of serious harm.

3.3 The overall vision for Lewisham is established in the Sustainable Community Strategy. The issues covered in this report relate to the strategy's strategic priority - Safer.

3.4 Additionally it links to Council priority 4, Safety, security and a visible presence.

4. Background

4.1 Safer Stronger Select Committee received a report on 29 July which updated them on proposals contained within '*Transforming Rehabilitation – a revolution in the way we manage offenders*'.

4.2 Following the Select Committee a referral was made to the Mayor and Cabinet on the 11 September 2013. A number of concerns were raised and strong opposition made to the Government's proposals.

4.3 Referral 1

The Committee wishes to express, in the strongest terms, its opposition to the Government's proposals for reforming the delivery of probation services and the management of adult offenders.

4.4 Response

The Safer Lewisham Partnership coordinated and responded to the proposals during the consultation period earlier this year. Lewisham's response echoed the grave concerns raised at Select Committee. There are clearly issues about the strategy and the reality of delivering the proposals, and council officers with partners have been working closely to ensure all concerns are raised at the appropriate forums. The Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People has been involved in a number of round table discussions with key senior officers across government departments and is now a member of the local authority reference group of the Transforming Justice Delivery Team within the Ministry of Justice (MOJ). This will ensure Lewisham's

perspective will be considered in the future plans for managing adult offenders' services.

4.5 Referral 2

The Committee is opposed to the privatisation of provision for rehabilitation of offenders. The Committee is extremely concerned about the suitability of private sector organisations to manage community rehabilitation and probation. It is also concerned about the transfer of offenders between the private and public provision because of the unpredictable level of risk posed by offenders as well as the complicated arrangements of the payment mechanism being proposed.

4.6 Response

These concerns are shared and were raised as part of the Safer Lewisham Partnerships' response to the consultation. Council officers are working closely with probation and police colleagues to ensure that there is every opportunity to raise the issues and to better understand the proposed model and how risks could be managed by the Partnership.

The Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People gave detailed feedback to the MOJ on the payment mechanism during the consultation and has had lengthy dialogue about concerns with senior officers leading on the transforming justice programme.

As noted above, the Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People is a member of the local authority reference group for the MOJ and will continue to challenge the proposals. At the same time officers will work to identify how best Lewisham can ensure important processes are safeguarded whilst ensuring that local voluntary and community sector organisations are not overlooked in terms of commissioning and delivering services in the new proposed model.

4.7 Referral 3

The Committee is troubled by the failure of some Government contracts with the private sector to meet the basic standards of transparency and cost effectiveness.

4.8 Response

These are valid concerns and officers will challenge in relation to these issues as appropriate.

4.9 Referral 4

The Committee is concerned about the risks involved in transition from existing provision to the new structure of Services.

4.10 Response

The Safer Lewisham Partnership are supporting probation colleagues in this transition and will continue to do so throughout the changes. Probation colleagues are working closely locally to reassure and support their staff and partners during this difficult time.

4.11 Referral 5

The Committee does not believe that all of the potential risks to the successful implementation of the new model have been fully considered.

4.12 Response

It is agreed that full consideration has not been given to the model and this has been raised throughout the process to date. It is clear that these changes will take place and very quickly, therefore whilst not being fully satisfied that the detail has been thought through, Lewisham is committed to ensuring that services to reduce crime and support victims of crime are delivered appropriately. Officers will continue to have dialogue at all levels both nationally and locally to ensure that Lewisham are managing offenders with a clear public protection remit whilst also seeking to support rehabilitation.

4.13 Referral 6

The Committee believes that further representations should be made by the Council to the appropriate authority setting out the concerns about these changes.

4.14 Response

The Council and the Safer Lewisham Partnership addressed these concerns earlier this year formally through the consultation process.

As also outlined above, Council officers are fully involved in a number of forums nationally where all concerns are being raised.

Officers will continue to support probation colleagues in the changes and work together to minimise any negative implications for Lewisham. It will be critical that appropriate challenge and support continue over the coming few years.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's Constitution provides that the Executive may respond to reports and recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 7.1 There are likely to be significant and wide ranging implications from the changes being proposed to the management of offenders.

8. Equalities Implications

- 8.1 The Safer Lewisham Partnership priorities impact on large sections of the community, including the most vulnerable (e.g. victims of Domestic Violence , victimisation of women and young people). The focus on effective interventions in the Criminal Justice System ensures that Human Rights remain essential to the strategy's vision, strategic themes and monitoring processes.

- 8.2 One of the Partnership's key outcomes is to ensure equity in representation and that equality and diversity issues are followed in the work of the partnership.

9. Environmental Implications

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this response.

Background Papers

[Transforming rehabilitation select committee report - 29 July 2013](#)

[Mayor and Cabinet comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on transforming rehabilitation - 11 September 2013](#)

For further information please contact Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People on 020 8314 9569.

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Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Title	Promoting a Sense of Belonging: update	
Contributors	Executive Directors for Community Services and Customer Services	Item: 4
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 January 2014

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report updates the information provided in April 2013, in response to the recommendations from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee review - Promoting a Sense of Belonging.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Safer Stronger Select Committee note the updates to the review's recommendations.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 The Promoting a Sense of Belonging review links closely to the following strategic priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy:

- Ambitious and achieving – where people are inspired and supported to fulfil their potential.
- Safer – where people feel safe and live free from crime, antisocial behaviour and abuse.
- Empowered and responsible – where people are actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities.
- Clean, green and liveable – where people live in high quality housing and can care for and enjoy their environment.
- Dynamic and prosperous – where people are part of vibrant communities and town centres, well connected

- 3.3 Additionally it relates to the following corporate priorities:

- Community Leadership and Empowerment
- Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity

4. Background

- 4.1 At the 11th April 2012 meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, Members agreed to carry out a short review into social cohesion in Lewisham. The aim of the review was to gather evidence about Lewisham's approach to promoting cohesion and belonging.

- 4.2 Evidence-taking sessions were held in July and September 2012.

- 4.3 Members looked at the range of services currently being delivered by the Council and its partners and decided to focus on local democracy and decision-making;

events and celebrations; citizenship and intergenerational collaboration. The Committee concluded its review and agreed its recommendations in November 2012.

- 4.4 In January 2013 the Safer Stronger Select Committee made a referral to the Mayor which was responded to at the April meeting of Mayor and Cabinet

5. Update on Recommendations

- 5.1 All recommendations were responded to in April 2013, detailing work that either had been completed, was being undertaken or was planned to address the review's recommendations. Much of the work is ongoing and the activities detailed in the April 2013 report will continue to be built upon and developed by officers.

- 5.2 Some work in response to the recommendations is still to be further developed and this is detailed in the following paragraphs.

5.3 Recommendations 5 and 9

Both these recommendations included a request that information given at citizenship ceremonies should include details of how residents can get involved in their local assemblies. This information has recently been refreshed and updated information on assemblies and details of their dates and times will be provided for the next round of ceremonies.

5.4 Recommendation 8

This recommendation requested that officers encourage all Councillors to attend and take part in citizenship ceremonies. Following the review the Mayor's Office contacted all Councillors about the ceremonies and as a result a number of newer Councillors expressed an interest and have subsequently acted as dignitaries. Feedback from both the Councillors and the new citizens has been positive.

Additionally officers were asked to consider how to involve other local people who have made a difference in the community as presiding dignitaries. This remains an area for development, which officers in Community Services and Customer Services will review.

5.5 Recommendation 10

This recommendation asked officers to commission an article on citizenship ceremonies for Lewisham Life. As reported in April, articles on citizenship ceremonies have appeared in previous editions of Lewisham Life. A new article has been prepared for publication and it is hoped that this article will appear either in the November edition or in the spring edition.

5.6 Recommendation 11

This recommendation focused on the formal recognition of the important work of the Positive Ageing Council and of other older people's groups in the borough. As

reported in April the Positive Ageing Council (POSAC) is formally enshrined in the Council's constitution, recognised as a forum through which older people can influence decisions and has the opportunity to place items on the Mayor and Cabinet agenda. The work of the POSAC continues as does their influence and partnership approach. Additionally representatives from Positive Ageing Council are meeting with the Mayor on 7 Nov to discuss their work and how they could be involved even more in service redesign and policy development.

5.7 **Recommendation 12**

This recommendation asked the Council and its partners to encourage younger and older peoples' groups to explore further options for intergenerational activities and initiatives. The Positive Ageing Council and Young Mayor have worked together to deliver highly successful intergenerational activities at Peoples Day in July 2013 and Intergenerational projects continue to be an important strand of their work.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's Constitution provides that the Executive may respond to reports and or recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

8.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this response.

9. Equalities Implications

9.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising out of this report although the individual recommendations from the review support Lewisham's commitment to promote equality of opportunity, inclusion and wellbeing for all its citizens.

Background Papers

1. [Promoting a sense of belonging: social cohesion in Lewisham](#)
2. [Mayor and Cabinet Report - Matters referred by Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee – promoting a sense of belonging review - 16/1/13](#)
3. [Mayor and Cabinet Report - Mayoral response to the recommendations of the Safer Stronger Select Committee review - Promoting a Sense of Belonging - 10 April 2013](#)

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Agenda Item 5

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Title	Main grants programme 2014-15	
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager	Item: 5
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 January 2014

The following report was due to be considered at the Committee's meeting on 29 November in advance of the consideration of the main grants programme 2014-15 at Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 4 December 2013. The Chair of the Committee has asked that the report be brought before the committee for consideration on 21 January.

The following is a record of the decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 4 December 2013:

Decision

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) agreed that

- (i) the extension of main grant funding programme be approved for one further year, for 2014-15;
- (ii) the recommendations to fund voluntary and community sector groups, as set out be approved for the financial year 2014-15, totalling £4,676,509;
- (iii) the recommendations to fund rent grants to four organisations, as set out be approved for financial year 2014-15, totalling £65,450; and
- (iv) an inflationary uplift of 0.8% be applied to the current agreed grant for 13-14 and to include this increase in the proposed grant figures for 14-15.

Meeting papers for Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) are available on the Council's website at:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=199&MId=3037&Ver=4>

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Title	Main grants programme 2014-15	
Contributors	Executive Director for Community Services, Head of Law	Item:
Class	Part 1 (open)	29 November 2013

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline proposals to maintain the main grants programme in its current format for one further year, 2014-15. The report details recommendations Mayor and Cabinet Contracts will be asked to make at their meeting on 4 December 2013 in relation to how main grant funding should be awarded in 2014-15.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members of the Safer Stronger Select Committee note:

- 2.1 the proposed extension of main grant funding programme for one further year, for 2014-15.
- 2.2 the proposals to fund voluntary and community sector groups, as set out in appendix 1, for financial year 2014-15.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020, 'Shaping our Future', sets out the borough's ambitions to encourage development, enable citizens to live healthy lives and to empower Lewisham's communities to prosper. It has six strategic priorities, including a commitment to creating a borough that is "*Empowered and Responsible*: where people are actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities".
- 3.2 The *empowered and responsible* strand of the strategy highlights the importance of the community and voluntary sector in all areas of public life. It recognises that the sector plays a significant part in Lewisham's ongoing success.
- 3.3 This is reflected in Lewisham's corporate priorities: "Community leadership and empowerment: developing opportunities for the active participation and engagement of people in the life of the community".
- 3.4 Lewisham has a strong history of working with the voluntary and community sector and empowering residents and communities. Lewisham is fortunate to have a strong and thriving sector which ranges from very small organisations with no paid staff through to local branches of national charities. The sector includes charities, not for profit companies limited by guarantee, faith organisations, civic amenity societies as well as social enterprises. There are estimated to be around 800 community and voluntary sector organisations in the borough.

- 3.5 What all these organisations have in common is their ability to bring significant additional value to the work that they do through voluntary support and raising funds from sources not available to other sectors such as charitable trusts. In addition they often provide services that the Council cannot easily provide; create links between communities and people; and give people a voice.
- 3.6 As well as being directly involved in delivering services to citizens in the borough, third sector organisations also provide the essential infrastructure to allow the sector as a whole to develop and support individual citizens to be able to play an active role within their local communities.
- 3.7 Lewisham was the first London Borough to develop a compact with the third sector in 2001. The compact seeks to support a positive relationship between the sector and key statutory partners. It includes expectations around the management of grant aid as well as broader partnership working principles. The compact was further developed in 2010 with the addition of guidelines for commissioning with the third sector in recognition of the important contribution that the third sector should play in identifying needs as well as potentially delivering service solutions.
- 3.8 Although the third sectors role within the commissioning of local public services continues to grow (over £30m worth of services were commissioned from the third sector in 2012/13), the council recognises that there continues to be a need for grant aid investment for the following reasons:
- a recognition of the importance of maintaining an independent sector that can act as a critical friend to challenge public sector policy and delivery.
 - a recognition of the key role that the sector plays in building civic participation, providing a voice for seldom heard residents and providing community intelligence.
 - a recognition of the great diversity of the sector and the need to engage with small and emerging groups as well as large established organisations.
 - a recognition of the sector's potential to take risks and innovate which does not always sit easily within commissioning frameworks.
 - a recognition that third sector organisations have been key delivery partners for a wide range of targeted short term initiatives. Grant aid provides a level of security for organisations ensuring that there is a strong sector ready to work in partnership with us.

4. Main grants programme

- 4.1 The current main grants programme was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet Contracts in July 2011. Funding was awarded for two and a half years from October 2011 to end of March 2014 to 73 organisations. Funding was provided over four themes; Children and Young People, Building Social Capital, Gateway Services and Communities that Care.
- 4.2 In establishing new priorities for the main grants fund in 2011, it was agreed to set aside a proportion of the budget to create an investment fund. This was to support organisations to play a greater role in some areas of public service delivery that are changing rapidly or where the Council is likely to play a less direct service

provider role. The fund enables organisations to test new approaches and innovate in key priority areas as well as supporting organisations through transitions. The Investment Fund has provided one off rather than ongoing revenue funding in three priority areas of Communities that Care, Advice Sector and Employment Projects. A further report will be brought to Mayor and Cabinet in January 2013 outlining plans for the Investment Fund for 2014-15.

- 4.3 Culture and Community Development officers have undertaken the annual monitoring of all main grant funded groups. Particular emphasis has been placed on supporting groups, where relevant, to be more resilient to change and increase their sustainability.
- 4.4 The monitoring followed previous year's monitoring processes. The main model used is the Traffic Light System which scores organisations red, amber or green against four performance indicators – governance, management, development and financial viability. A small number of organisations, namely arts organisations, were monitored using the Rocket Science monitoring tool, which had been piloted in previous years. It is anticipated that the monitoring tools will be reviewed with a unified system being implemented for use in 2014.
- 4.5 Following monitoring, funded organisations were invited to apply for one further year of main grant funding. Lead officers have used evidence from monitoring and the applications form to make recommendations for awarding of grant funding for a further year, 2014-15. The list of recommended awards for the 71 organisations is included at appendix 1. The recommendation report for each organisation is available separately.
- 4.6 A number of organisations applied for growth but growth funding is not being recommended. The investment fund has enabled priority areas to be addressed through working with organisations to develop new approaches to service delivery and collaborate more effectively to manage increasing demand. It is proposed to continue to use the investment fund in this way rather than to provide growth through the main grants programme.
- 4.7 Two organisations that received funding in 2013-14 have decided not to apply for funding in 2014-15, the Gems Youth Project and Lewisham Playbus. The Gems youth project who were in receipt of £1,530 in 2013-14 have ceased operating as at the end of October following the re-organisation of the youth service. The youth service have put in place transitional arrangements for the young people that attended Gems Youth Project and anticipate new services will be in place from April 2014 following the current Youth Service Commissioning.
- 4.8 Lewisham Playbus have also decided not to apply for funding. They received £4,490 in 2013-14 towards the running costs of the playbus.
- 4.9 The main grants programme will be reviewed during 2014, ahead of a new grants programme starting in 2015-16. Full consultation will take place with the sector on this in early summer and at least three months notice will be given of any recommended changes to levels of grant aid. Consideration will be given to co-ordinating commissioning with Youth Service commissioning in order to achieve appropriate synergies.

5. Appeals

- 5.1 As part of the main grants process organisations are given the opportunity to appeal against officers' recommendations. They will be invited to make a submission which will be included in the report to Mayor and Cabinet Contracts on 4 December, and will be given the opportunity to address Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) at that meeting.

6. Rent grants

- 6.1 There is a varied pattern of occupation and management agreements for a number of council owned premises occupied and run by community groups. The council provides support to organisations in a number of different ways, including providing repairs & maintenance, rent grants, main grant funding, peppercorn lease arrangements and so on.
- 6.2 There are currently four organisations receiving rent grants: Ackroyd Community Association, Lewisham Young Women's Resource Centre (LYWRC), The Midi Music Company and Downham Community Association (Wesley Halls). These grants are to cover the cost of rent charged by the Council and are not linked to specific outcomes.
- 6.3 On 4 December, Mayor and Cabinet Contracts will be recommended to agree that rent grants will be paid in 2014-15. It is proposed to review the payment of rent grants as part of the new main grants programme from April 2015 and to link any support for voluntary sector organisations using council premises to outcomes and outputs from this date. Work is also ongoing to develop a sustainable and affordable accommodation strategy for the sector alongside the corporate asset rationalisation programme.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 Mayor and Cabinet Contracts will be asked on 4 December 2013 to approve 2014-15 grants to community & voluntary sector organisations totalling £4,676,509 (see appendix 1)
- 7.2 The grant payments will be funded from the 2014-15 Community Development revenue budget within the Community Services Directorate as follows:-.

2014-15 Budget – Community Development Grants.

13-14 Current Revised Budget	7,029,356
14-15 Investment Fund-budget adjustment for one of 13-14 funding from Corporate Reserves.	-639,800
14-15 Proposed Savings - ref COM3 It is proposed to reduce the overall grants budget by £0.5m. This saving proposal will not impact on the small grants, faith fund or existing commitments in the main grants programme. The saving will be taken from unallocated funds. Savings have become available through reduction to the required contribution to London Borough Grants Scheme and previously agreed tapered funding-subject to approval by M&C.	-500,000

Total 2014-15 Budget	5,889,556
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2014-15 Proposed Funding Allocation.

Main Grant Programme-see Appendix 1	4,676,509
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Investment Fund - One off funding to VCS organisations to support innovation, service change and interventions for organisations in crisis. Subject to grant allocation.	800,000
London Borough Grant Programme – Currently assumed at 13-14 level	303,763
Small Grants Programme – Subject to grant allocation	50,000
Faith Grants Programme – Subject to grant allocation	50,000
Total 2014-15 Funding Allocation	5,880,272

Current Funding Balance	9,284
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** budget figures exclude staffing, running costs and support service recharges / overheads.

- 7.3 The small funding balance of £9.3k has arisen primarily as a result of three organisations reducing their 14-15 funding applications – Gems Youth Project £1,530, Lewisham Playbus £4,490 and Grove Centre £2,879 - total £8,899. It is proposed that the £9.3k is recycled back into the Investment Fund allocation for 14-15.
- 7.4 The continuation of the rent grants totalling £65,450 to the four organisations outlined in Appendix 2 will make no change to the existing budget position. In effect these grants offset the cost of the rent charged by the Council and have no net impact on the budget. Because of the historic rent grant arrangements with these organisations we do not currently assume any net rent income from these premises in the core budget. The existing arrangements will be reviewed as part of the new main grant programme from April 2015.
- 7.5 The proposed inflationary grant increase of 0.8% will impact both 13-14 and 14-15 financial years. The additional £37k grant funding can be contained within the budget position for the service across both years. This increase has been calculated to mirror the 2013-14 Local Government pay award of 1%. As we no longer grant aid specific posts within grant funded organisations the proposal is to make the inflation award based on an assumption that on average salaries make up 80% of an organisation's expenditure. The service is therefore proposing to award a 1% uplift on 80% of the original agreed main grant award for 2013-14. It is uncertain at this stage whether local government staff will receive any further pay award for 2014-15 so no allowance has been made for this within the grant recommendations. However should a pay award be agreed for 2014-15 at a later date an adjustment to main grant awards may be given further consideration.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 The Council's statutory obligations pursuant to the 2010 Equality Act are relevant.
- 8.2 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.3 In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8.4 The duty continues to be a “have regard duty”, and the weight to be attached to it is a matter for the Mayor, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

8.5 The Equality and Human Rights Commission has recently issued Technical Guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty and statutory guidance entitled “Equality Act 2010 Services, Public Functions & Associations Statutory Code of Practice”. The Council must have regard to the statutory code in so far as it relates to the duty and attention is drawn to Chapter 11 which deals particularly with the equality duty. The Technical Guidance also covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty. This includes steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The guidance does not have statutory force but nonetheless regard should be had to it, as failure to do so without compelling reason would be of evidential value. The statutory code and the technical guidance can be found at: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act/equality-act-codes-of-practice-and-technical-guidance/>

8.6 The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has previously issued five guides for public authorities in England giving advice on the equality duty:

- The essential guide to the public sector equality duty
- Meeting the equality duty in policy and decision-making
- Engagement and the equality duty
- Equality objectives and the equality duty
- Equality information and the equality duty

8.7 The essential guide provides an overview of the equality duty requirements including the general equality duty, the specific duties and who they apply to. It covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty including steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The other four documents provide more detailed guidance on key areas and advice on good practice. Further information and resources are available at: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/public-sector-equality-duty/guidance-on-the-equality-duty/>

9. Crime & disorder implications

9.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. Some of the recommended main grant organisations deliver services and projects which help to reduce the fear of crime.

10. Equalities implications

- 10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken on the recommendations of the current main grants programme in June 2011, prior to awards being made.
- 10.2 The overall assessment of that EIA was that the awarding of grants would affect some groups differently. However, no protected characteristic would be affected disproportionately nor constitute unlawful discrimination. The awarding of grants to a wide variety of organisations that work with and support many different elements of Lewisham's diverse communities will help to promote equal opportunities.
- 10.3 The findings of the EIA are still relevant to the recommended awarding of main grant funding in 2014-15 as the recipient organisations remain the same and their user profiles have not significantly changed.

11. Environmental implications

- 11.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The Council recognises the important part the voluntary and community sector play in the lives of our residents and the main grants programmes seeks to support this provision. The continued awarding of main grant funding to 71 organisations in 2014-15 will enable these organisations to continue to deliver much needed services across the borough.

For further information on this report please contact Winston Castello, Community Enterprise Manager on 020 8314 7729.

Appendix 1 – List of organisations recommended for main grant funding for 2014-15

Appendix 2 – List of organisations recommended for rent grants for 2014-15

Full recommendation proposals for all main grant organisations 2014-15 are available separately.

Appendix 1 – List of organisations recommended for main grant funding for 2014-15

Organisation Name	Current Grant Agreed 2013-14	Revised Grant Proposed 2013-14	Grant applied for 2014-15	Proposed Grant Award for 2014-15
2000 Action Community Centre	£20,000	£20,160	£40,000	£20,160
Downham Community Association, Wesley Halls	£20,000	£20,160	£20,000	£20,160
Goldsmiths Community Association	£20,000	£20,160	£25,000	£20,160
Grove Park Community Group	£20,000	£20,160	£20,000	£20,160
Honor Oak Community Association	£20,000	£20,160	£20,000	£20,160
Lewisham Irish Community Centre	£20,000	£20,160	£25,650	£20,160
170 Community Project	£138,958	£140,070	£138,958	£140,070
170 Community Project (formerly awarded to North Downham Training Project)	£65,093	£65,614	£65,093	£65,614
Ackroyd Community Association	£61,072	£61,561	£61,072	£61,561
Age Exchange	£32,500	£32,760	£50,000	£32,760
Age UK Lewisham & Southwark	£106,451	£107,303	£106,451	£107,303
Ageing Well in Lewisham	£30,057	£30,297	£30,057	£30,297
Bellingham Community Project Ltd (BCP)	£49,605	£50,002	£49,605	£50,002
Carers Lewisham	£30,844	£31,091	£32,964	£31,091
Contact a Family Lewisham	£70,952	£71,520	£70,952	£71,520
Crossroad Bexley (previously Crossroads Greenwich & Lewisham Ltd)	£8,333	£8,400	£8,333	£8,400
Deptford Action Group for the Elderly	£40,600	£40,925	£40,600	£40,925
Deptford Methodist Mission – Disabled People's Contact	£7,250	£7,308	£10,000	£7,308
Deptford Reach	£41,624	£41,957	£44,700	£41,957
Entelechy Arts Ltd	£39,511	£39,827	£40,000	£39,827
EqualiTeam	£160,220	£161,502	£160,410	£161,502
Evelyn 190 Centre	£228,649	£230,478	£267,752	£230,478
Forest Hill and Sydenham Voluntary Services Association	£91,620	£92,353	£92,000	£92,353
Forest Hill Youth Project - Platform One	£23,472	£23,660	£26,000	£23,660
Gems Youth Project	£1,530	£1,530	£0	£0
Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre	£96,631	£97,404	£96,631	£97,404
Groundwork London	£10,000	£10,080	£23,669	£10,080
Grove Centre	£24,766	£24,964	£21,910	£22,085
Heart n Soul	£37,498	£37,798	£37,000	£37,798
Indo-China Refugee Group:Indo-Chinese Self-help Project and Community School	£46,712	£47,086	£48,242	£47,086
IRIE! dance theatre	£56,905	£57,360	£56,905	£57,360
LeeFairShare	£9,200	£9,274	£13,540	£9,274

Lewisham Action on Mediation Project (LAMP)	£27,497	£27,717	£70,000	£27,717
Lewisham Bereavement Counselling Service	£25,500	£25,704	£25,500	£25,704
Lewisham Citizens Advice Service Ltd	£496,951	£500,927	£498,374	£500,927
Lewisham Community Transport	£47,584	£47,965	£71,583	£47,965
Lewisham Disability Coalition	£157,731	£158,993	£201,731	£158,993
Lewisham Education Arts Network	£37,636	£37,937	£37,952	£37,937
Lewisham Ethnic Minority Partnership (LEMP)	£15,000	£15,120	£15,000	£15,120
Lewisham Mencap	£58,177	£58,642	£70,320	£58,642
Lewisham Multi Lingual Advice Service	£25,000	£25,200	£25,000	£25,200
Lewisham Opportunity Pre-School	£78,004	£78,628	£78,004	£78,628
Lewisham Pensioners Forum	£54,599	£55,036	£72,751	£55,036
Lewisham Playbus	£4,490	£4,490	£0	£0
Lewisham Refugee & Migrant Network	£87,223	£87,921	£87,223	£87,921
Lewisham Shopmobility Scheme	£39,744	£40,062	£39,744	£40,062
Lewisham Speaking Up	£101,580	£102,393	£101,580	£102,393
Lewisham Toy Library	£5,160	£5,201	£5,160	£5,201
Lewisham Young Women's Resource Project	£68,134	£68,679	£68,134	£68,679
Lewisham Youth Theatre	£42,800	£43,142	£42,800	£43,142
MakeBelieve Arts	£15,000	£15,120	£15,000	£15,120
Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust	£25,000	£25,200	£25,000	£25,200
Millwall Community Scheme	£21,500	£21,672	£21,500	£21,672
Montage Theatre Arts	£5,000	£5,040	£5,000	£5,040
Noah's Ark Children's Venture	£63,957	£64,469	£63,956	£64,469
Pre School Learning Alliance	£100,000	£100,800	£100,000	£100,800
Refuge	£31,621	£31,874	£31,621	£31,874
Samaritans - Lewisham, Greenwich & Southwark branch	£4,284	£4,318	£9,000	£4,318
Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts	£59,890	£60,369	£59,890	£60,369
Seniors (Lewisham Elders Resource Centre)	£45,269	£45,631	£45,300	£45,631
Somerville Adventure Playground	£94,980	£95,740	£112,635	£95,740
The 999 Club	£8,772	£8,842	£8,772	£8,842
The Albany	£280,650	£282,895	£280,650	£282,895
The CASSEL Centre	£127,606	£128,627	£127,900	£128,627
The Metro Centre Ltd	£33,576	£33,845	£33,576	£33,845
The Midi Music Company	£62,200	£62,698	£62,200	£62,698
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance	£120,000	£120,960	£120,000	£120,960

Victim Support	£26,316	£26,527	£26,316	£26,527
Voluntary Action Lewisham	£245,532	£247,496	£245,532	£247,496
Volunteer Centre Lewisham	£107,247	£108,105	£115,392	£108,105
Young Lewisham Project	£90,200	£90,922	£103,900	£90,922
Youth Aid Lewisham	£22,163	£22,340	£23,500	£22,340
Advice Providers Forum	£54,640	£55,077	£54,640	£55,077
	£4,648,266	£4,685,408	£4,946,130	£4,676,509

****Note** - The 13-14 and 14-15 proposed grant figures include a 0.8% inflation uplift – a total of £37k. This has been calculated to mirror the 2013-14 Local Government pay award of 1%. As we no longer grant aid specific posts within grant funded organisations we are proposing making the inflation award based on an assumption that on average salaries make up 80% of an organisation's expenditure. We are proposing awarding a 1% uplift on 80% of the agreed main grant award for 2013-14 and taking this inflationary increase into account in the recommendations for 2014-15 grant funding.

Appendix 2 – List of organisations recommended for rent grants for 2014-15

Organisation Name	Recommended rent grant for 2014-15
Ackroyd Community Association	£13,250
Downham Community Association, Wesley Halls	£29,700
The Midi Music Company	£10,500
Lewisham Young Women's Resource Centre (LYWRC)	£12,000

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee		
Title	Local Assemblies Review	
Contributor	Executive Director for Community Services	Item: 6
Class	Part 1 (open)	21 January 2014

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee with information on the performance and achievements of the Local Assemblies programme during the 2012/13 financial year. It also identifies areas for the potential future development of the Assemblies programme.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee are recommended to note the content of this report and to consider the questions raised in 4.7.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act came into effect on 1 April 2009. It places a duty on all local authorities to involve local representatives when carrying out 'any of its functions' by providing information, consulting or 'involving in another way'. The Local Assemblies programme is a key aid to the London Borough of Lewisham in fulfilling this duty.
- 3.2 In May 2007, the Mayor's Commission on empowering communities and neighbourhoods recommended that the London Borough of Lewisham introduce local ward assemblies for each of the borough's 18 wards. The Commission believed that these localised bodies, defined by the active involvement of the ward councillors, would enable the people living and working in each area to have a stronger and more direct influence in shaping their local community, supporting an ongoing process for identifying and resolving local concerns and implementing local solutions. The Local Assemblies programme was established in March 2008.
- 3.3 The Local Assemblies programme is helping to deliver the Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy priority outcome 'empowered and responsible – where people can be actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities'. The programme is also helping to deliver the corporate priority 'community leadership and empowerment – developing opportunities for the active participation and engagement of people in the life of the community'; and individual projects funded by the assemblies help to deliver other corporate priorities.

4. Local Assemblies Programme Update

- 4.1 2012/13 represented the fifth full year of the Local Assembly programme. Average attendance at Assembly meetings for the full 2012/13 year rose slightly to 77 people from 73 in 2011/12. Feedback from meetings suggests that overall the Assemblies are regarded by residents as effective in supporting local communities, with over 61% of meeting attendees agreeing that Assemblies allow them to influence decisions affecting their local areas. Of those attending meetings, 89% stated that the Assembly allowed them to learn more about local issues, with over 80% stating that the Assembly brought people from different backgrounds together and over 85% agreeing that the Assembly helped build good relations between local people. The programme also reached large numbers of new people, with 37.5% of meeting attendees confirming that they were attending for the first time. This is the highest annual percentage of new attendees achieved to date.
- 4.2 The level of engagement expressed by meeting attendees has also been reflected in the programme's ability to engage people outside of meetings. For example, the programme has developed youth forums, initiated focus groups and worked with a range of residents to identify local priorities, resulting in a total of 12,418 individual engagements during the course of the year.
- 4.3 All Local Assemblies continue to review their priorities to ensure that they reflect the needs of their respective local areas. Each Local Assembly has identified four to five priorities. The priorities identified are wide ranging but all 18 Assemblies have identified youth facilities and activities as a common priority. Other areas which have been identified by a majority of Assemblies include: public parks and local facilities (16 Assemblies), environmental issues including tackling graffiti and improving and safeguarding the environment (14 Assemblies), traffic management and parking (13 Assemblies), and anti-social behaviour (13 Assemblies). Other priority areas identified include facilities for the elderly, town centre development and housing.
- 4.4 In 2012/13, each Assembly was allocated a fund of £15,000 to run local projects. In identifying projects to be funded, the Assemblies have proved to have been guided by their priorities and to have allocated funding according to local need, addressing issues identified in their action plans, which have been reviewed and, in many cases, updated during the course of the year.
- 4.5 Each Assembly has a fully voluntary co-ordinating group which plans its work between Assembly meetings and is supported by the Council-employed co-ordinator. The local co-ordinating group has the active involvement of elected members and a range of individuals who have volunteered to support their local Assembly. A number of these individuals bring organisational and communication skills which are invaluable in facilitating the work of the Assembly programme.
- 4.6 In the main, this report covers Assembly activity in the 2012/13 financial year. However, since the end of March 2013, there have been significant changes in terms of the re-focusing of staff resources to support Assemblies which have subsequently required Assemblies to review and prioritise the input of their allocated co-ordinator resource. Under the new arrangements, each Assembly's

co-ordinator resource amounts to approximately one day per week, with the co-ordinator role being undertaken by Council Development Officers alongside additional grant making and other community development responsibilities. Within this time allocation, co-ordinators work closely with local co-ordinating groups to support Assembly planning and take forward Assembly priorities.

4.7 In receiving this report, the committee is asked to take into account the following:

- How Local Assemblies can best foster community action
- How Local Assemblies can jointly develop areas of work which are of mutual interest
- How Local Assemblies can continue to engage with communities outside of meetings and maintain a strong and pro-active profile in challenging fiscal times

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. Conclusion

The Local Assembly programme is continuing to show signs of achieving its aims. 2012/13 was a year of consolidation of progress made in previous years and 2013/14 is anticipated to be a year of further positive development despite initial challenges presented by the re-focusing of co-ordinating support to Assemblies.

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Appendix A: Local Assemblies Review presentation

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Local Assemblies Review

2012/13 Performance

- **Total number of newcomers:**
- **2011/12 – 36% of all attendees were newcomers**
- **2012/13 – 37% of all attendees were newcomers**

Young people's attendance at meetings:

- **2011/12 – 5%**
- **2012/13 – 5%**

BME attendance at meetings:

- **2011/12 – 37%**
- **2013/14 – 38%**

Disabled people attendance at meetings:

- **2011/12 – 12%**
- **2012/13 - 13%**

LGBT attendance at meetings:

- **2011/12 - 5%**
- **2012/13 - 5%**

Average attendance per meeting:

- **2011/12 – 73**
- **2012/13 – 77**

Total meeting attendance:

- **2011/12 – 4,990**
- **2012/13 – 4,710**

Total number of meetings:

- **2011/12 – 68**
- **2013/14 – 61**

Total participation in and outside meetings:

- **2011/12 – 12,671**
- **2012/13 – 12,418**

Attendees agree that the Assembly allowed them to learn more about local issues:

- **2011/12 – 90%**
- **2012/13 – 89%**

Attendees agree the Assembly allowed them to influence decisions affecting the local area:

- **2011/12 – 61%**
- **2012/13 – 62%**

- Ring-fencing of Assembly Funding for young people
- Engagement and participation outside of meetings
- Specific young people's campaigns launched through assemblies

Evelyn Assembly has initiated a Youth Partnership which has co-ordinated local organisations and residents to address an identified need to support unemployed young people and divert them from crime. Partners have worked together to access initiatives, such as the Millwall Leadership programme and, with £48k raised through the Jobcentre Plus Flexible Support Fund, they have run outreach programmes to improve JCP engagement, including working with ECO Communities, with the potential for roll-out across Lewisham.

Kelvin Grove School in Forest Hill Ward has used £2,000 to develop a local archive display area in the CEL building (formerly the Kirkdale Centre). The young people wanted to give back something to the community so they decided to open a display area to showcase items of local interest, particularly as they were aware of the significant levels of historical interest relating to the building.

Engaging Young People



- Assemblies work with statutory agencies to influence change and make improvements to services
- Assembly action plans influence service development

Following discussions between Sydenham Local Assembly and traders about plans for streetscaping Sydenham High Street, it was agreed that communication would be improved by having a shopfront on the high street where contractors could provide information to residents and traders. This proved highly successful at engaging local people in the development work and improving an understanding of the disruption necessary while the work took place. Contractors also agreed to have a weekly update posting on the Lewisham website.

680 young people from schools and clubs in Perry Vale, Forest Hill and Sydenham wards answered a Free Time Questionnaire which asked their views on a variety of issues including youth provision, what they do in their spare time, what they like/dislike about their local area and their ideas for improving things. The survey results were compiled into a comprehensive report which was widely disseminated within the borough and formed a solid basis for targeted funding in relation to youth provision.

- Assemblies encourage volunteering and community involvement
- Assemblies enable the community to work together
- Assemblies provide a platform to start a campaign or garner support

Catford Bulbs in Bloom is a community-led project funded by Catford South Assembly and administered by Lewisham Gardens. The project planted 6000+ bulbs in Catford in autumn 2013, working with local volunteers to promote the project and package and deliver bulbs to local organisations for planting. Over 30 local groups received bulbs to plant in their outside spaces. Follow-up enquiries suggest that, as a result of the project, local groups and people have a better understanding of the purpose of assemblies, are more committed to their work and are keen to work more closely with them in the future.

The Blackheath Playspace Project 2012/13 initially encountered resistance to the building of a playspace in Eliot Pits on Blackheath. As a result, a resident working group was established which is working with the project on identifying options for sites and influencing the structure of the playspace before submitting a planning application.

Ladywell Assembly 12/03/13

Good to hear about the Save Lewisham Hospital campaign.

Good group discussion, particularly on volunteering.

Heard about the Lewisham Time Credit scheme

Rushey Green Assembly 19/01/13

Always helpful to learn about our area and this is exactly what the local assembly does.

Lee Green Assembly 12/02/13

As always I get the feeling that Lee Green is a place where residents feel actively involved in the present & future life of this area. It is a life enhancing experience to attend assemblies here.

Sydenham assembly March 2013

I was pleased to hear many local residents wanting the wonderful TNG building to be used by all generations in our area.

Bellingham Assembly March 2013

Good place for specific issues and needs and especially good for people to talk together/discuss more in depth

Telegraph Hill Assembly Feb 2013

Pleased to see so many women attending - majority of attendees. Well done! .

Feedback on Assemblies



- 2012/13 – total fund of £337,500
- £18,750 funding allocated per assembly, including £3,750 discretionary funding
- 195 projects delivered ranging from £100 to £15,000
- 70 projects were £1,000 or under
- Average spend was £1,796
- Different approaches to spend across different assemblies – ranging from small grants to strategic commissioning

- How Local Assemblies can best foster community action
- How Local Assemblies can jointly develop areas of work which are of mutual interest
- How Local Assemblies can continue to engage with communities outside of meetings and maintain a strong and pro-active profile in challenging fiscal times

Questions to Consider



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Agenda Item 7

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
Title	Select Committee work programme		
Contributor	Scrutiny Manager	Item	7
Class	Part 1 (open)	Date	21 January 2014

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Select Committee of the work programme for the municipal year 2013/14.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, each select committee drew up a draft work programme for submission to the Business Panel for consideration.
- 2.2 The Business Panel considered the proposed work programmes of each of the select committees on 14 May 2013 and agreed a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme. However, the work programme is a 'living document' and as such can be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting so that Members are able to include urgent, high priority items and remove items that are no longer a priority.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Select Committee is asked to:

- note the work programme and project plan attached at **Appendix B** and discuss any issues arising from the programme;
- specify the information and analysis required in the report for each item on the agenda for the next meeting, based on desired outcomes, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide;
- note the forthcoming programme of business, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any items for further scrutiny.

4. The work programme

- 4.1 The work programme for 2013/14 was agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 10 April 2013.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to consider if any urgent issues have arisen that require scrutiny and if any existing items are no longer a priority and can be removed from the work programme. Before adding additional items, each item should be considered against agreed criteria. The flow chart attached at **Appendix A** may help Members decide if proposed additional items should be added to the work programme. The Committee's work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available. If the committee agrees to add additional

item(s) because they are urgent and high priority, Members will need to consider which medium/low priority item(s) should be removed in order to create sufficient capacity for the new item(s).

5. The next meeting

5.1 The following reports are scheduled for the next meeting (25 February 2014):

Agenda item	Review type	Link to Corporate Priority	Priority
Forced marriage update	Standard review	Safety, security and a visible presence	Medium
Comprehensive equalities scheme – monitoring and update	Standard item	Safety, security and a visible presence	High
Safer Lewisham strategy monitoring and update	Standard item	Community leadership	High

5.2 The Committee is asked to specify the information and analysis it would like to see in the reports for these item, based on the outcomes the committee would like to achieve, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide for the next meeting.

6. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

8. Equalities Implications

8.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

8.2 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act

- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8.3 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Select Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

9. Date of next meeting

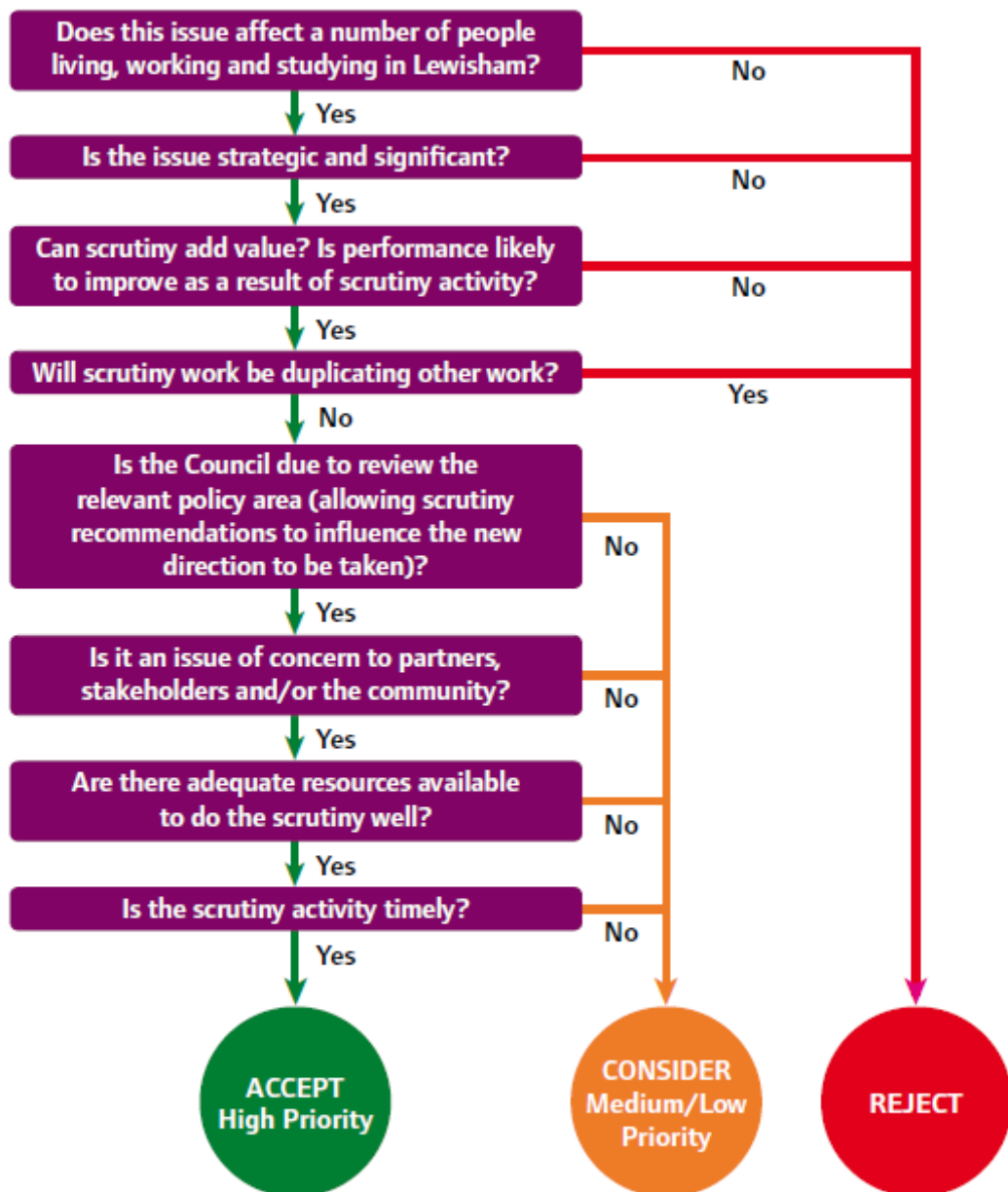
The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 25 February 2014

Background Documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Centre for Public Scrutiny: the Good Scrutiny Guide

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Work Programme 2013/14

Programme of work

Work Item	Type of review	Priority	Strategic Priority	Delivery deadline	10-Apr	08-May	29-Jul	03-Sep	22-Oct	29-Nov	21-Jan	25-Feb
Riots Communities and Victims Panel - final report	Standard Review	Medium	CP1/CP4/SCS2	Apr	Response							
Community premises policy	Standard Review	High	CP1/SCS2	Apr								
Communities that care	Standard Review	Medium	CP8/SCS6	Apr								
Emergency services in Lewisham review	Standard Review	High	CP4/CP10/SCS2	Sep	Scope	Fire	Police	Police				
Promoting a sense of belonging	In-Depth Review	Medium	CP1/SCS2	Jan		Response					Review	
Hate crime and domestic violence	Standard Review	High	CP4/SCS2	May								
Update on main grants programme funding	Standard Review	High	CP10/SCS6	Sep								
Reshaping youth services - joint scrutiny with CYP select committee	Standard Review	High	CP10/SCS7	Jul			Response					Joint
Safer Lewisham Partnership Plan	Performance Monitoring	Medium	CP4/SCS2	Jul								
Probation service update	Performance monitoring	Medium	CP4/SCS2	Jul								
Working practices within the community and voluntary sector	Standard Review	Medium	CP1/SCS6	Sep								
Integration of refugees	Standard Review	Medium	CP1/SCS2	Oct								
Strategic Financial Review update and Savings Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16	Standard Review	High	CP10/SCS6	Nov								
Lewisham Race equality organisation update	Standard Review	High	CP1/SCS3	Oct								
Discretionary rate relief policy	Policy development	High	CP10/SCS6	Sep								
Local Assemblies review	Standard Review	Medium	CP1/SCS2	Jan								
Safer Lewisham Strategy - monitoring and update	Performance Monitoring	Medium	CP4/SCS2	Feb								
Comprehensive Equalities Scheme - monitoring and update	Performance Monitoring	Medium	CP1/SCS2	Feb								
Forced marriage briefing	Standard item	Medium	CP4/SCS2	Feb								
Community assets changes	Standard Item	High	SCS6	Sep								

	Item completed
	Item ongoing
	Item outstanding
	Proposed timeframe
	Carried over from last year
	Item added

Meetings						
1)	Wed	10 April (dsp 02 April)	5)	Tue	22 Oct (dsp 10 Oct)	
2)	Wed	08 May (dsp 30 April)	6)	Fri	29 Nov (dsp 21 Nov)	
3)	Mon	29 July (dsp 18 July)	7)	Tue	21 Jan (dsp 09 Jan)	
4)	Tue	03 Sept (dsp 22 Aug)	8)	Wed	25 Feb (dsp 13 Feb)	

Shaping Our Future: Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020		
	Priority	
1	Ambitious and achieving	SCS 1
2	Safer	SCS 2
3	Empowered and responsible	SCS 3
4	Clean, green and liveable	SCS 4
5	Healthy, active and enjoyable	SCS 5
6	Dynamic and prosperous	SCS 6

Corporate Strategy 2008-11		
	Priority	
1	Community Leadership	CP 1
2	Young people's achievement and involvement	CP 2
3	Clean, green and liveable	CP 3
4	Safety, security and a visible presence	CP 4
5	Strengthening the local economy	CP 5
6	Decent homes for all	CP 6
7	Protection of children	CP 7
8	Caring for adults and older people	CP 8
9	Active, healthy citizens	CP 9
10	Inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity	CP 10

**MAYOR & CABINET AND SCRUTINY
PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

Programme of Business for December 2013 - March 2014

Meeting date	Committee	Item	Directorate	Lead Officer
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Appointment of LA Governors		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Business Growth Strategy		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Consultations on the proposals to enlarge Holbeach Primary school from 2 to 3 FE, John Ball Primary school from 2 to 3 FE, Coopers Lane Primary School from 2 to 3FE and proposal to enlarge Sir Francis Drake Primary school from 1 to 2 forms of entry		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Council Tax base 2014/15		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Lewisham Gateway Update		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Management Report		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Pay Policy Statement		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Response to Children & Young People, and Safer Stronger Communities Select Committees - Youth Service Provision		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Award of contract for the final phase of works at Forster Park Primary School		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Community Services Investment Fund		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Extra Care support contract for Marine Wharf Deptford.		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	London Boroughs Grants Scheme		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 15 Jan 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	School Minor Capital Works Programme 2014/15		Frankie Sulke
Tuesday, 21 Jan 2014	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Local assemblies review	Community Services Directorate	Liz Dart

Meeting date	Committee	Item	Directorate	Lead Officer
Tuesday, 21 Jan 2014	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Promoting a sense of belonging: update	Community Services Directorate	Liz Dart
Wednesday, 29 Jan 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Early intervention and targeted support	Children and Young People Directorate	
Wednesday, 29 Jan 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Generation Play Clubs update	Children and Young People Directorate	
Wednesday, 29 Jan 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Secondary school placements planning	Children and Young People Directorate	
February				
Monday, 3 Feb 2014	Housing Select Committee	Church Grove Self Build	Customer Services Directorate	
Monday, 3 Feb 2014	Housing Select Committee	Key housing Issues		
Monday, 3 Feb 2014	Housing Select Committee	Newham Landlord Licensing Scheme		
Monday, 3 Feb 2014	Housing Select Committee	Use of temporary accommodation for homeless households: update		
Monday, 3 Feb 2014	Joint Meeting of Children and Young People Select Committee and Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Youth Service Reforms	Children and Young People Directorate	
Tuesday, 4 Feb 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Road safety and cycling	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	Simon Moss
Tuesday, 4 Feb 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Update on plans for the extension of the Bakerloo line, DLR and Overground	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	Simon Moss
Wednesday, 5 Feb	Healthier Communities	Adult Safeguarding Report	Community Services	

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2014	Select Committee		Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	CCG Plan for 2014/15		
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Community Education Lewisham		
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Learning Disabilities and Healthcare Services		
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Lewisham Hospital – Update		
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Prioritisation process for Public Health expenditure in 2014/15 (incl. Sustainability of Community Health Projects and Initiatives)	Community Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Public Health 2012/13 Annual Report	Community Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Feb 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	The Healthier Catering Commitment scheme		
Thursday, 6 Feb 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Annual Budget 2014/15	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Thursday, 6 Feb 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Annual complaints report	Customer Services Directorate	Angelique Golding
Thursday, 6 Feb 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Management report	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Thursday, 6 Feb 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Revenue and capital Budget monitoring	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Monday, 10 Feb 2014 Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Mayor and Cabinet	Draft London Housing Strategy consultation	Customer Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Budget 2014-15		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Church Grove Self Build Consultation		Kevin Sheehan

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Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Consultation response to the London Housing Strategy		Kevin Sheehan
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	144 Evelyn Street (Parker House) Surplus Declaration and Demolition		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Heathside and Lethbridge: Update and Phase 4 A and B Disposal		Kevin Sheehan
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Adoption of Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan.		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Proposals for re commissioning differently the existing BME specific older adult day service at Calabash & St Mauritius as a non BME specific day service		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Award of contract for the enlargement of John Stainer Primary from 1 to 2 FE		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Award of contracts to cover consultancy services to the Primary Places Programme for Employers Agent and other professional services		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Commissioned Youth Provision Contract Award		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Community Services Investment Fund		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Contract Award for works to construct a Primary Phase at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Delivery of advisory and financial services contract award		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Deptford Southern Housing sites Development Agreement		Kevin Sheehan
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Family Intervention Project (FIP) Contract		Frankie Sulke
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Funding for Carers		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Procurement of the School Catering Contract Service		Frankie Sulke

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Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Public Health Contracts 2014		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Section 75 Mental Health Services		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Section 75 Overarching		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Section 75 Public Health Services		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Supporting People Contract Award (Pagnell Street and Edward Street/Adult Placement Scheme)		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Budget Update Report		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Response to Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel - Redevelopment of Lewisham Central Opportunity Site		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Response to Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel - the Asset Rationalisation Programme		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Response to Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Emergency Services Review		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee and Housing Select Committee - regeneration and housing in Deptford and New Cross.		Janet Senior
Tuesday, 25 Feb 2014	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Comprehensive equalities scheme - monitoring and update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	Paul Aladenika
Tuesday, 25 Feb 2014	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Reshaping youth services - joint scrutiny with CYP select committee - update	Children and Young People Directorate	Warwick Tomsett
Tuesday, 25 Feb 2014	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Safer Lewisham strategy monitoring and update	Community Services Directorate	Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney
March				
Tuesday, 4 Mar 2014	Children and Young People Select	Corporate parenting update	Children and Young People Directorate	

Meeting date	Committee	Item	Directorate	Lead Officer
	Committee			
Tuesday, 4 Mar 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Falling Through the Gaps Review - Update	Children and Young People Directorate	
Tuesday, 4 Mar 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Safeguarding status and update (including LSCB)	Children and Young People Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	Developing Lewisham's housing assets: upgrading existing stock	Customer Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	Family Mosaic: Heathside and Lethbridge		
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	In depth review into low cost home ownership report and follow up	Customer Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	Local Authority Borrowing Cap		
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	Newham landlord licensing scheme	Customer Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Housing Select Committee	Review of the housing complaints process	Customer Services Directorate	
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Asset Rationalisation Programme 2013/14		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Management Report	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	Barrie Neal
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Mayor and Cabinet	Strategic Asset Management Plan 2014/15		Janet Senior
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Supporting People Contact Award		Aileen Buckton
Wednesday, 12 Mar 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Sustainable Resources update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	Martin O'Brien
Wednesday, 12 Mar 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Implementation of the street lighting contract	Customer Services Directorate	Ian Ransom

Meeting date	Committee	Item	Directorate	Lead Officer
Wednesday, 12 Mar 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Parking policy monitoring and update	Customer Services Directorate	Ralph Wilkinson
Wednesday, 12 Mar 2014	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Parks and street trees	Customer Services Directorate	John Thompson
Tuesday, 18 Mar 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Lewisham Hospital – Update		
Tuesday, 18 Mar 2014	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Update on outcomes of Premature Mortality Review		
Wednesday, 19 Mar 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	ECH Pathfinder Project	Children and Young People Directorate	
Wednesday, 19 Mar 2014	Children and Young People Select Committee	Trading services to schools	Children and Young People Directorate	
Tuesday, 25 Mar 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Asset Management update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Tuesday, 25 Mar 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Audit Panel Update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Tuesday, 25 Mar 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Fairness Review update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Tuesday, 25 Mar 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Managing Contract review - update on response	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
Tuesday, 25 Mar 2014	Public Accounts Select Committee	Oracle cross-borough project - update	Resources and Regeneration Directorate	
April				
Wednesday, 9 Apr 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Discretionary rate relief – awards over £10,000	Community Services Directorate	Kevin Sheehan
Wednesday, 9 Apr 2014	Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)	Award of Contract for the Provision and Support of Multi-Functional Devices		Janet Senior
May				