

Decisions taken by the Children and Young People Select Committee on Tuesday, 8 September 2015

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Part A – Items considered in public		
A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2015	<p>That the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd June be agreed subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Monsignor Nick Rotheron be recorded as being present.</p> <p>Gail Exon be recorded as having sent apologies for absence.</p>
A2	Declarations of interest	<p>Councillor Jacq Paschoud declared a personal interest in item 3 as she was a member of Lewisham Contact a Family and she was Chair of Lewisham Parents Forum.</p> <p>Councillor John Paschoud declared a personal interest in item 3 as his wife a member of Lewisham Contact a Family and Chair of the Lewisham Parents Forum.</p>
A3	Savings Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the following comments on the savings proposals be referred to the Public Accounts Select Committee for consideration.</p> <p>A11: Managing and Improving Transition Plans.</p> <p>The Committee raised concerns about the ability for the Council to increase the number of localised options for young people with complex needs and requested further clarification on the localised options being proposed, and further details of exactly how the savings would be achieved, and the timescale to be provided before a decision is taken on this proposal.</p> <p>A16: Public Health (Obesity and Physical Activity)</p>

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		<p>The Committee highlighted that reductions in Council spending in this area could have a negative impact on the health of young people and increase the risk of childhood obesity. The Committee was concerned regarding the proposal to cease the free swimming programme for under 16s and adults over 60 and to cease the cycling in schools programme. The Committee requested further information on the current uptake of the schemes and the costings and savings predicted, before a decision be taken on this proposal.</p> <p>I9e: Realign Schools HR Recharge</p> <p>The Committee requested additional information on the exact nature of the proposal to charge schools for HR functions such as recruitment, occupational health, policy advice and DBS clearance. After hearing that the proposal around charging for HR functions would be considered by the Schools Forum in October, the Committee requested that the minutes from the Schools Forum meeting in which these matters would be discussed be circulated to members of the Children and Young People Select Committee at the earliest possible stage.</p> <p>J2a: Schools Service Level Agreement</p> <p>The Committee requested that copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum where the proposed 2.5% increase in the cost to schools would be considered, be circulated to the Children and Young People Select Committee as soon as they were available.</p> <p>J2b: Schools Attendance and Welfare</p> <p>The committee had concerns regarding the impact this proposal would have on schools and felt additional information on this was needed, particularly with respect to Primary</p>

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		<p>Schools which they felt may have less capacity to manage these changes. The Committee raised concerns that the impact could be greater than predicted and requested assurances that the impact predictions had been fully researched, to be received before a decision on this proposal be taken.</p> <p>N5: Review of Lewisham’s Passenger Transport Service</p> <p>The Committee was reassured that there would be no changes to the eligibility criteria as a result of the proposed savings but requested further information to ensure that the proposals were realistic given the current deficit of £700,000 in that service area, to be received before a decision on this proposal be taken.</p> <p>Q3a&b: Sensory Teachers</p> <p>The Committee requested additional information on how these savings would be achieved and any potential negative effects on students as a result of passing on costs to the Dedicated Schools Grant, to be received before a decision on this proposal be taken.</p> <p>Q3c: Educational Psychologists</p> <p>The Committee had concerns regarding the reduction in staffing and requested additional information on the proposal and impact, to be received before a decision on this proposal be taken.</p> <p>Q3e: Reducing Carers Funding</p> <p>The Committee requested further clarification on the savings proposal and highlighted the importance of the Contact a Family scheme. The Committee requested assurance</p>

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		<p>be given, that this proposal was not replicating a previously trialled programme, before a decision on this proposal be taken.</p> <p>Q5: Youth Service</p> <p>The committee requested more detail on the proposed changes to services and the potential impact on young people as well as additional detail on other alternative options considered</p>
A4	Lewisham Safeguarding Children's Board	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
A5	All Schools Results	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p> <p>That the full 2014/15 Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 results be brought back to the committee as part of the 2015/16 work programme.</p> <p>That a report outlining best practice in secondary schools be added to the select committee work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.</p>
A6	Key Issues Update Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
A7	Select Committee work programme	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the committee undertake an in-depth review into Independent Advice and Guidance in Schools.</p>

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		<p>That the full KS4 and KS5 results be reported back to the committee as part of the Secondary schools Improvement Monitoring report scheduled for March 2016.</p> <p>A report on best practice in secondary schools be scheduled be scheduled for the Children and Young People Select Committee to be held on the 18th November.</p>
A8	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	There were no referrals to Mayor and Cabinet. However there were referrals to the Public Accounts Select committee on item 3 as listed in the recommendations under item 3.