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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2015	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 July 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.</p>
<b>A2</b>	Declarations of interest	<p>Councillor Jim Mallory declared a personal interest in item 3 as he was a school governor at Abbey Manor College.</p>
<b>A3</b>	Lewisham Future Programme 2016/17 Draft Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the following comments be referred to Mayor and Cabinet:</p> <p>That the referrals made by Select Committees (attached at Appendix A of the full agenda report) be endorsed with the exceptions of referrals I9e from Children and Young People Select Committee, and G2 from Sustainable Development Select Committee on which the committee decided to reserve judgement in order to fully consider these matters at its own meeting. The Committee asked that the Mayor and Cabinet take these referrals into account alongside officer reports when taking a decision on the Lewisham Future Programme – 2016/17 Revenue Budget Savings Report.</p> <p>In addition to these Select Committee referrals, the Public Accounts Select Committee agreed to add an additional recommendation to the Mayor and Cabinet as requested by the Chair of Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee to endorse the importance of considering the equality impact of savings proposals on residents with protected characteristics, both for individual proposals and when considered overall, and that the equalities information provided by officers be updated as these proposals are developed and monitored once implemented, with additional analysis where possible.</p> <p>The Public Accounts Select Committee agreed the following proposals be referred with</p>

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<b>A4</b>	Income Generation Review evidence session	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>

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		<p>That the additional information tabled by Cllr Ingleby be noted.</p> <p>That an update on the Fees and Charges Strategy be brought back to the Public Accounts Committee at the end of this municipal year.</p> <p>That the draft recommendations for the Income Generation Review include a recommendation for the Council to appoint a commercialisation specialist.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Select Committee work programme	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p> <p>That an update on the Fees and Charges Strategy be brought back to the committee at the end of the municipal year.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the following recommendations on the Lewisham Future Programme 2016/17 Draft Revenue Budget Savings Proposals be referred to Mayor and Cabinet:</p> <p>The referrals made by Select Committees (attached at Appendix A of the full agenda report) be endorsed with the exceptions of referrals I9e from Children and Young People Select Committee, and G2 from Sustainable Development Select Committee on which the committee decided to reserve judgement in order to fully consider these matters at its own meeting. The Committee ask that the Mayor and Cabinet take these referrals into account alongside officer reports when taking a decision on the Lewisham Future Programme – 2016/17 Revenue Budget Savings Report.</p> <p>In addition to these Select Committee referrals, the Public Accounts Select Committee agreed to add an additional recommendation to the Mayor and Cabinet as requested by</p>

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