

Decisions taken by the Housing Select Committee on Wednesday, 16 September 2015

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
A2	Declarations of interest	
A3	Lewisham Future Programme - Savings Report	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee refer the following to Public Accounts Select Committee:</p> <p align="center">B2: Supporting People – Reduction in budget across all client groups</p> <p>The Committee notes with great concern the potential impact of removing services for some of the most vulnerable residents in the borough, as these services often function as a last resort. The Committee is also concerned about the risk of this proposal leading to cost shunts to other services. The Committee also noted its concern that a reduction in individual available places may result in lack of places for clients, and it also could lead to more work for partners such as the police, probation, mental health SLAM and the hospital if incidents escalate. It could also lead to people becoming homeless, have an impact on statutory services/temporary accommodation/residential care, increased use of existing hostels by high needs out of borough clients and a rise in rough sleeping. The Committee rejects the proposal to reduce the provision of the accommodation and floating support services for these vulnerable residents, in line with the Healthier Communities Select Committee’s comments.</p> <p align="center">M2a and M2b: Review of funding streams across housing strategy, development and partnership functions; and reduction in premises costs</p> <p>The Committee referred no comment on these saving proposals.</p> <p>Therefore, the Select Committee recommends that Public Accounts advise the Mayor of its view that:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He should accept saving proposals: M2a and M2b • He should reject the savings proposal B2
A4	Lewisham Homes - Management Agreement	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee agree all the recommendations in the report; and also added an additional recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “With the level of uncertainty and associated risks at the present time, a ‘break clause’ should be considered so both parties can review the agreement at a later date.”
A5	New Homes Programmes	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.</p>
A6	Key Housing Issues	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.</p>
A7	Affordability Across All Housing Tenures - Review (Scoping Paper Reprise)	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To concentrate the review in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Housing • Private Rented Sector b) Have the first evidence session at its October meeting.
A8	Select Committee work programme	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee agree the work programme for 2015-16.</p>

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A9	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	There were no items to refer to Mayor and Cabinet; however the Committee referred items to Public Accounts Select Committee at 3.3.