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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017	1.1 Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 be agreed as an accurate record.
A4	Social care budgets	Resolved : that the reports be noted. It was also agreed that officers would provide further details about the financial assessments carried out on residents' homes to pay for their care costs; and provide some examples of the ways in which some residents' care packages had been re-evaluated and changed. The Committee agreed that it would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows:
		 The Committee asks that Mayor and Cabinet task officers with considering cross borough strategies for the provision of long-term residential and nursing care. The Committee believes that there may be innovative ways of working with other boroughs to improve efficiency and deliver better outcomes for residents.
A5	Communicating the Council's budget position	 Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows: The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet tasks officers with developing a forceful communications campaign that focuses on the use of hoardings and billboards in innovative, large and visually captivating ways in order to reach Lewisham residents with messages about the budget. The Committee also recommends officers should also be tasked with considering options for the use of data about Lewisham households to target the Council's communications about its budget.
A6	Management report	Resolved: that the report be noted.
A7	Income generation and commercialisation update	Resolved: that the Committee would share its views with Mayor and Cabinet as follows: The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet tasks officers with meeting representatives of the Association for Public Service Excellence to consider how best the

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		 Council can generate income through the use of its existing assets and resources. The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet seeks justification from officers about the decision to advertise the new senior procurement role internally rather than externally. The Committee also recommends that the appointment of consultants to support the creation of the new procurement and commercialisation team be delayed until options for income generation have been explored with the Association for Public Service Excellence.
A9	Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved : that the Committee's views under items four, five and seven be referred to Mayor and Cabinet.