

**Decisions taken by the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on Monday, 26 June 2017**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2017	That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April be agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.
A2	Declarations of interest	<p>Councillor Colin Elliott declared a personal interest in item 4 as he was the Council representative on Lewisham Disability Commission.</p> <p>Councillor Jim Mallory declared a personal interest in item 5 as he was Chair of the Governing Board of Abbey Manor College.</p> <p>Councillor David Michael declared a personal interest in items 5 and 6 as he was on the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board.</p>
A3	Response to Referrals from this Committee	There were no responses to referrals considered at this committee.
A4	Implementation of Employee Survey Action Plan	That the report be noted.
A5	Youth Offending Service - Inspection Action Plan	That the report be noted.
A6	Draft Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy	That the report be noted.
A7	Demographic Change - Draft Report	<p>That the following recommendations be included as part of the report on demographic change.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That given the high cost of living in London and the comparatively low levels of income after housing costs; London-weighting should better reflect the additional costs faced by employees.</li> <li>2) That the National minimum wage for under 25s was a particular concern in London</li> </ol>

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		<p>given the changes to housing benefit. It was also important to ensure the London Living Wage remained at an adequate level going forward.</p> <p>3) That given the uncertainty around the Britain leaving the EU – more work should be done to ensure that the Council understands the policy and service delivery implications as the situation evolves.</p> <p>4) That long and short term demographic trends, birth rates and migration be monitored closely to ensure that the Council is accurately predicting the need for school places and adapting and investing efficiently to meet future need.</p> <p>5) That the Council work to enter into joint housing ventures with the private rental sector to create better opportunities for residents, as a potential method of reducing fees to residents, and as a potential income stream for the Council.</p> <p>6) That the Council ensures it makes the best possible use of metrics and analytics in informing policy development, budget allocations and decisions on service delivery. Senior officers and politicians should have a solid understanding of the current demographics and future predictions and projections such as 5, 10 and 15 year projections when making their decisions. Resources should be in place to ensure the Council has the capacity to provide this information.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Provision for the LGBT Community In Lewisham - Scoping Paper	That the scope be agreed.
<b>A9</b>	Select Committee work programme	That the report be noted.
<b>A10</b>	Items to be referred to Mayor and Cab	There were no referrals to Mayor and Cabinet.

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