

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Matters referred by the Housing Select Committee – Review into Youth Homelessness	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 6
Ward	All	
Contributors	Housing Select Committee	
Class	Open	Date: 10 June 2009

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the Housing Select Committee's Review into Youth Homelessness. The final report of the Review is included at Appendix A below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
- (a) Note the views and recommendations of the Committee set out in the report attached at Appendix A.
 - (b) Agree that the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to respond to the Review's recommendations.
 - (c) Ensure that a response is provided to the Housing Select Committee at its meeting on 1 October 2009, in line with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Council's Constitution.

3. Context

- 3.1 The Review into Youth Homelessness was carried out by the Housing Select Committee between November 2008 and March 2009. The final report was agreed at the meeting on 14 May 2009, following evidence sessions on 14 January and 25 February, and discussion of recommendations on 25 March 2009.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of several of the recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).^{f1} It is therefore requested that a response is provided to the Public Accounts Select Committee at its meeting scheduled for 1 October 2009.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The Youth Homelessness Strategy will be subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

7. Crime and Disorder/Environmental implications

- 7.1 The Youth Homelessness Strategy has identified the needs of young offenders and the requirement to have stable and settled accommodation. The Strategy recognises that substance misuse can both precede and occur as a result of homelessness. Actions have been identified in the strategy to tackle this; and to ensure young people are supported to make informed decisions about their lives and helped to address any substance misuse problems.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

If you have any queries on this report please contact Charlotte Dale, Scrutiny Manager (0208 3149534), or Kevin Flaherty, Head of Business & Committee (0208 3149327).
