

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Housing Select Committee on housing welfare reform		
<b>Contributor</b>	Housing Select Committee	<b>Item No.</b>	
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## 1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Housing Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled *Under occupation and the benefit cap: preparing for the changes*, considered at its meeting on 19 June 2013.

## 2. Recommendation

The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Housing Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral.

## 3. Housing Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 19 June 2013, the Housing Select Committee considered a report entitled *Under occupation and the benefit cap: preparing for the changes*.
- 3.2 The Committee wishes to commend officers for the work they have carried out in preparation for the implementation of the government's changes to housing welfare. The Committee also commends the work that has been done with the Council's partners, including the voluntary sector, to mitigate the most damaging impacts of the changes on Lewisham's citizens.

## 4. Further Implications

At this stage there are no specific financial, legal, environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

### Background papers

Under occupation and the benefit cap: preparing for the changes-  
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s22971/04%20Welfare%20reform%20190613.pdf>

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