

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Housing Select Committee on the emergency services review		
<b>Contributors</b>	Housing Select Committee	<b>Item No.</b>	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1 (Open)	<b>Date</b>	10 July 2013

## **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 *emergency services review* 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 and ask the Executive Director for Customer Services to respond.

## **3. Housing Select Committee views**

- 3.1 On 19 June 2013, the Housing Select Committee considered a report entitled *emergency services review*, which included a report from Lewisham Homes about a pilot fire safety project. This project led to the installation of a sprinkler system in a sheltered housing block.
- 3.2 The Committee will be making recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of its emergency services review, nevertheless, the Committee wishes to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of sprinkler systems in containing fires and preventing loss of life. The Committee believes that this is particularly important because of the changes being proposed in the draft fifth London safety plan, which could result in the closure of two of Lewisham's fire stations.
- 3.3 The Committee supports the work undertaken by Lewisham Homes and recommends that the Council urges other housing providers to adopt a similar risk based approach.

## **4. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

## **5. Legal Implications**

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).

## **6. Further Implications**

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

### **Background papers**

Emergency services review paper:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s22994/Appendix%20A%20-%20LH%20response%20190613.pdf>

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