

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Housing Select Committee on Housing Matters: the results of the consultation and way forward		
Contributors	Housing Select Committee	Item No.	4 (Addendum)
Class	Part 1	Date	16 January 2013

1. Summary

- 1.1 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 *Housing Matters: the results of the consultation and way forward*, considered at its meeting on 8 January 2013.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to receive the views of the Housing Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to respond.

3. Housing Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 8 January 2013, the Housing Select Committee considered a report entitled *Housing Matters: the results of the consultation and way forward*.
- 3.2 The committee noted that paragraph 7.1 of the report proposes two practicable options which are for the council to either:
- cease all further options appraisal activities, retain Lewisham Homes, the current ALMO, as is, and work within the budgetary limits the Council faces as a landlord, or
 - work alongside residents, Lewisham Homes and other bodies to better understand how, by changing the nature of Lewisham Homes, it might attract further investment, increase resident control, deliver residents' aspirations and address their concerns.
- 3.3 The committee would like to urge Mayor and Cabinet, at their meeting on 16th January, to send out a clear message to residents that both of these options are being considered equally in any continuing conversations with residents.
- 3.4 The committee urges the democratisation of tenant representation on the Lewisham Homes board as a matter of urgency, by electing rather than selecting tenant Board members, notwithstanding the timescale and result of the Housing Matters consultation.
- ## **4. Financial Implications**
- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there are financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

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).

6. Further Implications

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

Background papers

- Minutes of the Housing Select Committee meeting held on 8 January 2013
- Housing Matters: results of the consultation and way forward paper presented to Housing Select Committee on 8 January 2013

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