

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Report Back On Matters Raised By The Overview And Scrutiny Business Panel	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Head of Business & Committee	
<b>Class</b>	Open	Date: 13 February 2013

### **Purpose of Report**

To report back on any matters raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel following their consideration of the decisions made by the Mayor on 16 January 2013.

## **1. PROMOTION OF SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES BY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT**

- 1.1 The Business Panel reconfirmed its request to the Mayor to receive a written response on appropriate levels of support to be given to the promotion of Scrutiny activities by the Council's Communications Unit.

### **Proposed Response by the Mayor**

- 1.2 The communications team has done a number of things to assist with the timely and effective promotion of select committee reports from Overview and Scrutiny, including:
- March 2012: assisting with the promotion of Live Long, Live Well report from the Healthier Communities Select Committee by issuing a news release, promoting the report on the Council's website and including it in the digest of the Mayor and Cabinet meeting
  - June 2012: assisting with promotion of the Public Accounts Committee Fairness review to local assemblies
  - October 2012: featuring the Preserving Local Pubs review of the Sustainable Development Select Committee in the digest of the Mayor and Cabinet meeting that was published on the Council's website and sent to local media.

- 1.3 However, and bearing in mind the increasingly limited resources of the communications team, I do think there is some scope to explore further assistance. Consequently I have asked officers in the scrutiny team and communications teams to work together with chairs of scrutiny committees to identify potential promotional opportunities and to make the Council's regular channels of communication available as appropriate in support of the work of scrutiny committees.

**RECOMMENDATION** The Mayor is asked to agree that the response shown above be reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel.

## **2. HOUSING MATTERS**

- 2.1 The Business Panel agreed that Lewisham Homes should, as a matter of urgency, be asked by the Mayor to consider the election of Tenants and Leaseholders as Lewisham Home Board members.
- 2.2 In respect of the confidential report on the same item the Panel asked that a further assessment of costs and additional information on sites should come to the Mayor and Cabinet at an early stage and to inform the Council's Housing Strategy and that this would be considered by both the Business Panel and the Housing Select Committee respectively.