

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on responding to the consultation on the Draft Fifth London Safety Plan		
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1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled "Emergency Services Review- Update", considered at its meeting on the 30 April 2013.

2. Recommendation

The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to respond.

3. Overview and Scrutiny Committee views

- 3.1 On the 30 April 2013, the Committee considered an update report on the progress, of the ongoing scrutiny review, of emergency services in Lewisham. The Committee discussed the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) consultation on the Draft Fifth London Safety Plan.
- 3.2 The Committee agreed its full support for the retention of the fire stations at Downham and New Cross.
- 3.3 The Committee noted concern regarding the proposal to remove a fire engine from Peckham fire station, given the potential impact of this proposal on the residents of Lewisham.
- 3.4 The Committee resolved that the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee respond to the consultation on behalf of the Committee to reflect the views and concerns of the Committee.
- 3.5 The Committee resolved to call upon the Mayor to also respond to the consultation and express support for the retention of the fire stations at Downham and New Cross and to also express concern regarding the proposals in Southwark, given their potential impact on the people of Lewisham.

4. Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal implications

The Constitution provides for Scrutiny 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 – Update report (Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda 30.04.13)

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