

Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Title	Emergency Services Review: DRAFT final report		
Contributor	Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Item	4
Class	Part 1 (open)	Date	14 October 2013

Reason for lateness

The report has not been available for 5 clear working days before the meeting and the Chair is asked to accept it as an urgent item. The report was not available for despatch on 3 October 2013 because efforts were being made to ensure that the most up to date information was included in the draft report, prior to despatch.

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 At Council on 23 January 2013, members resolved that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to undertake an urgent investigation into emergency service provision across the borough. The review was scoped and agreed in February 2013 and evidence sessions were held at Housing, Sustainable Development, Children and Young People, Healthier Communities and Safer Stronger Communities Select Committees between May and September 2013.
- 1.2 The attached report presents the evidence received for the review and the draft recommendations put forward by the Select Committees. Members of the Committee are asked to consider, discuss and agree the report and draft recommendations.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- Consider, discuss and agree the draft report and recommendations
- Refer the report and it's recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet and all other responsible bodies identified within the report.
- Request a response, to the report and recommendations, within 2 months.

3. The report and recommendations

The draft report attached at **Appendix A** presents the written and verbal evidence received by Select Committees for the review. Draft recommendations based on the evidence received are included in the report for discussion and agreement.

4. Legal implications

The Constitution provides for Overview and 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).

5. Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report. However, the financial implications of any specific recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

6. Equalities implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations set out in this report. However, the equalities implications of any specific recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

7. Further implications

There are no direct sustainability or crime and disorder implications arising as a result of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the recommendations in the report. Implications of any specific recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

Background reports

Emergency Services review: update (30/04/13)

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s22255/04EmergencyServicesReviewUpdatereport300413.pdf>

Emergency Services review: scoping paper (11/02/13)

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s20120/Emergency%20Services%20Review%20Scoping%20report.pdf>

Motion to Council (23/01/13)

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=2369&Ver=4>

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