

Mayor And Cabinet			
Report Title	Matters Raised by Scrutiny - Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Library and Information Service		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	3
Ward	All		
Contributors	Healthier Communities Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	18 December 2013

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled *Update on changes to the Library and Information Service*, considered at its meeting on 11 December 2013.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Healthier Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 The Select Committee, having received an update on the performance of the Library and Information Service in Lewisham, welcomed the progress made by the Community Libraries since 2011. However, the Committee is concerned about the inequality of resources made available to the providers of Community Libraries. It therefore calls on the Mayor to consider a more generous settlement to assist New Cross Learning to meet the library needs for that deprived part of the Borough.

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).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Update on changes to the Library and Information service – Officer Report to Healthier Communities Select Committee (11.12.13)

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