

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the Strategic Financial Review update and Savings Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16		
Contributors	Public Accounts Select Committee	Item No.	5 (Addendum)
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Strategic Financial Review update and Savings Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16, considered at its meeting on 16 December 2013.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Public Accounts Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral.

3. Children and Young People Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 16 December 2013, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered the Strategic Financial Review update and Savings Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16. The Committee resolved to advise the Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee endorsed the recommendation by the Children and Young People Select Committee regarding proposal CYP12 (Attendance and Welfare Service). The Children and Young People Select Committee recognised the rationale for making the Attendance and Welfare Service a partially traded service but noted that not enough information was currently available about the proposals. Therefore the Children and Young People Select Committee should have the opportunity to scrutinise, in January, the full report on the savings proposal going to the Mayor and Cabinet on 18 December to review:
- The response from schools to the consultation currently in progress;
 - The plans to ensure that staff are fully consulted on proposals.
 - Whether there will be a disproportionate impact on disadvantaged children.
 - Whether there will be a disproportionate impact on schools that have high numbers of disadvantaged children.
- 3.3 The Committee also endorsed the recommendation by the Children and Young People Select Committee regarding proposal CYP13 (Youth Service). The Children and Young People Select Committee expressed concern that a reduction to the funding available for commissioned youth work during the first re-designed commissioning process would be confusing and unhelpful. They noted that the fuller reshaping of the youth service has not yet been fully implemented and further reductions at this stage could represent a significant risk to the successful implementation of these changes.

3.4 The referrals made by all the Select Committees to the Public Accounts Select Committee have been attached at Appendix A and the Committee asks that the Mayor and Cabinet takes note of the concerns raised and comments made by the Select Committees.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of accepting the Committees' recommendations will need to be considered.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

6. Further Implications

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

Background papers

Strategic Financial Review update and Savings Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16, Meeting of the Public Accounts Select Committee, 16 December 2013.

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