

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Matters referred by the Children and Young People Select Committee – Common Assessment Framework	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No. 13
<b>Ward</b>	All	
<b>Contributors</b>	Children & Young People Select Committee	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: September 5 2007

## 1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments/views of the Children and Young People Select Committee arising from discussions on the implementation of the Common Assessment Framework as a referral and assessment tool. These are set out in section 3 below.

## 2. Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- (i) note the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee as set out in section 4; and
- (ii) agree the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to comment and provide advice on the views and recommendations of the select committee

## 3. Children and Young People Select Committees Views

- 3.1 On 9 May 2007, the Children & Young People Select Committee considered a report on the implementation plans for the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) across the children's workforce in Lewisham which is to be completed by April 2008 and members agreed to make a referral to Mayor & Cabinet highlighting areas of concern following consideration of the advice provided by officers at the meeting
- 3.2 The Select Committee endorsed the CAF implementation plan and identified a small number of areas where members remained highly concerned
- 3.3 The Committee questioned the impact of data protection issues on the implementation plan and remain highly concerned about the likelihood of delivering the project within a secure environment, the ongoing issues in relation to the current plans for the Councils data protection and information management systems. Particular concerns were raised about the security of e-

mails and the electronic storage of personal data. The Committee questioned the likelihood of full implementation by April 2008 and expressed the view that whilst officers are working to national deadline, further consideration should be given to the impact of the resistance from some agencies and practitioners on the target implementation date.

- 3.4 The Select Committee recommends that an in-depth review of the data protection issues is undertaken and that officers report progress against the CAF implementation plan to the Committee in January 2008

#### **4. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report, however subsequent financial implications arising from the recommendations of the select committee will be reported in the response of the relevant Executive Director(s) to Mayor and Cabinet.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

The Constitution provides for the Select Committees to report to the Mayor and Cabinet and for the Executive to consider the report within one month of receiving it.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Implementation of the Common Assessment Framework as a Referral and Assessment tool

Minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee meeting 9 May 2007

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