

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Campaign in Lewisham for Autism Spectrum Housing	
Contributor	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Item
Class	Part 1 (open)	17 December 2014

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: *Implementing the National Autism Strategy in Lewisham*, considered at its meeting on 2 December 2014.

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 Directors for Customer Services and Community Services be asked to respond.

3. Healthier Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 At its meeting on 2 December 2014 the Healthier Communities Select Committee, having heard presentations from officers and received an address from Rita Craft, Chair of the Campaign in Lewisham for Autism Spectrum Housing, resolved to refer the following matter to Mayor and Cabinet:
- 3.2 The Committee requests that the Mayor consider urgently, provision to meet the housing needs of adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. To this end the Committee recommends that the Mayor engage with CLASH and Lewisham Homes.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there will be 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).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there will be implications arising from the

implementation of the Committee's recommendation. This will need to be considered in the response.

Background papers

[Autism self-assessment framework, the 2010 autism strategy, fulfilling and rewarding lives, evaluating progress](#), report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, 19 November 2013

[Progress report on implementing the national autism strategy 'fulfilling and rewarding lives', in Lewisham](#), report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, 3 July 2014

[Implementing the national autism strategy](#), report to Healthier Communities Select Committee, 2 December 2014

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