

Housing Select Committee			
Title	Communal Heating Systems: Draft report and recommendations	Item No.	5
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager		
Class	Part 1	Date	19 May 2015

Reasons for lateness and urgency

This report is late because additional time was required to obtain clarification on some of the content from the key witnesses who gave evidence to the review. In order to adhere to the revised timetable for the review agreed by the Committee at its last meeting and ensure that the report is submitted to Mayor and Cabinet in a timely fashion, this report needs to be considered at this meeting.

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 As part of the work programme for 2014/15, the Select Committee agreed to carry out a review of Communal Heating Systems in Lewisham. The review was scoped in October 2014 and evidence sessions held in November 2014, December 2014 and January 2015.
- 1.2 The attached report presents the evidence received for the review. Members of the Committee are asked to agree the report and suggest recommendations for submission to Mayor and Cabinet.

2. Recommendations

Members of the Select Committee are asked to:

- Agree the draft review report
- Consider any recommendations the report should make
- Note that the final report, including the recommendations agreed at this meeting, will be presented to Mayor and Cabinet

3. The report and recommendations

The draft report attached at **Appendix 1** presents the written and verbal evidence received by the Committee. The Chair's introduction and executive summary will be inserted once the draft report has been agreed and the finalised report will be presented to a Mayor and Cabinet meeting at the earliest opportunity.

4. Legal implications

The report will be submitted to Mayor and Cabinet, which holds the decision making powers in respect of this matter.

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. The Council works to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment, promote equality of opportunity and good relations between different groups in the community and to recognise and to take account of people's differences.

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