

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on transition from children's to adult services	
Contributor	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Item
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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 transition from children's to adults' social care, considered at its meeting on 25 June 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report and ask the Executive Directors for Children and Young People and Community Services to respond.

3. Healthier Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 25 June 2015, the Healthier Communities Select Committee considered a report *Preparing for Adulthood: Transition from Children's to Adult Services*.
- 3.2 Several members of the Children and Young People also attended the meeting under standing orders. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.3 Having considered a report about the transition of young people from children's to adult social care and received a report from officers; the Committee recommends that further work be carried out to improve the opportunities for children and young people to access education and care provision in Lewisham that meets their needs. The Committee is concerned about the number of young vulnerable people placed outside of the borough.
- 3.4 The Council should consider working with neighbouring boroughs to ensure that a range of provision is in place for children and young people in receipt of social care.
- 3.5 The Committee also recommends that the Council take into account the need for transitional support for families in cases where children are not eligible for adult social care upon reaching adulthood.

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).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Preparing for Adulthood: Transition from Children's to Adult Services:

<http://tinyurl.com/p7xvwek>

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