

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>			
<b>Report title</b>	Comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the London Fire Brigade (Mayoral Response)		
<b>Contributors</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Item No.</b>	
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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, arising from discussions held on the Mayoral Response to the Committee's referral on the London Fire Brigade (LFB), considered on 26 October 2015.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views, and consider the requests, of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section three of this referral.

## **3. Overview and Scrutiny Committee views**

- 3.1 On 26 October 2015, the full Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report entitled *Response from Cabinet to matters referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – London Fire Brigade*.

- 3.2 The Committee resolved the following:

1. That Lewisham Council should carefully consider any proposals to permanently, or further, reduce fire cover within the London Borough of Lewisham.
2. That Lewisham Council should make representations for full public consultation on any such proposals.
3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes and agrees the following recommendations made by the Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group:

*In 2014/15 and in 2015/16 (to date) the six minute target for getting a first appliance to an incident has not been met in the Bellingham, Downham and Grove Park wards of Lewisham. The LFB should focus its attention on understanding and addressing the reasons behind this failure. This should include considering any impact caused by the removal of Forest Hill's second appliance and the closure of Downham Fire Station; and considering what mitigating action might be taken to improve attendance times in these areas. The findings should be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se.

## **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**

[\*Response from Cabinet to matters referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – London Fire Brigade\*](#) – report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 26 October 2015

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