

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Lewisham Future Programme: 2016/17 DRAFT Revenue Budget Savings Proposals for Scrutiny		
Contributors	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled Voluntary Sector Accommodation Consultation Update at the meeting on 21 October 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet are recommended to note the views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee as set out in this referral.

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 21 October 2015, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered a report entitled Voluntary Sector Accommodation Consultation Update. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee is aware of the recent tragic events that happened on the Honor Oak Estate. In light of this, the Committee feels the community should have ample time to participate in any consultation around the future of the Honor Oak Community Centre, and special care should be given to ensure the community feels fully engaged in any future decisions about the community centre.
- 3.3 The Committee is aware of the increasing need for social housing in Lewisham, but also recognises that future developments will likely be built on land that currently contain green spaces and buildings designated for community use. The Committee is concerned about the dilemma created by these sometimes competing demands, and recognises a careful balance needs to be struck.
- 3.4 The Committee supports the use of school facilities by community groups, and feels that schools should set rates for hire at levels that are affordable to community groups.
- 3.5 The Committee recommends that planning policies on mixed-use developments are reviewed to ensure possibilities for the provision of community space are considered in planning applications for mixed-use developments.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report but there may 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).

Background papers

Voluntary Sector Accommodation Consultation Update at the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 21 October 2015.

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