

<b>Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee</b>		
Title	Gang associated women and girls – prevention and awareness review: third evidence session	
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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20 April 2015, the Committee decided as part of its 2015-16 work programme to undertake an in-depth review into poverty in Lewisham. The scoping paper for the review was agreed at the Committee meeting on
- 1.2 At its meeting on 21 October 2015, the Committee heard from the Service Manager Policy Development and Analytical Insight about the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
- 1.3 The third evidence session for the review should focus on work taking place in Lewisham schools to raise awareness of the issues and prevent violence against women and girls.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Select Committee is asked to:

- Review the information in Appendix A on welfare reform (*to follow*) and in Appendix B on the housing and planning bill and welfare reform and work bill.

## **3. Key lines of inquiry for the review**

3.1 The key lines of enquiry for the review are:

A. The developing national context:

- Are certain groups more likely to feel the effects of poverty than others?
- What impact have welfare reforms had on the distribution of poverty in Lewisham?
- What are the evolving issues which will impact on future distribution and scale of poverty in the borough?

B. A review of the Council's approach to tackling inequality

- How do the Council's strategies work to reduce deprivation?
- How does the strategic approach to equalities ensure that multiple deprivation and inequality are given full consideration?
- How are the reductions in the Council's budgets being managed to ensure that they do not disproportionately impact on protected groups and exacerbate poverty and deprivation?

Review questions:

## **4. Timetable**

4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the outline timetable for the review as set out below.

First evidence-taking session (21 October 2015)

- Update on the Lewisham position from the index of multiple deprivation
- Key trends and issues

Second evidence-taking session (30 November 2015)

- An update from officers on the developing context of welfare reform
- Information from officers about the Councils corporate approach to reducing inequality
- Information from officers on the process of equalities impact assessment in the budget process

Third evidence-taking session (19 January 2016)

- New/innovative approaches to reducing deprivation in Lewisham
- Innovation and approaches taken by other Councils

Recommendations and final report (09 March 2016)

- The Committee will consider a final report presenting all the evidence taken and agree recommendations for submission to Mayor and Cabinet

## **5. Further implications**

At this stage there are no specific financial, legal, environmental or equalities implications to consider. However, each will be addressed as part of the review.

### **Background papers**

Minutes of the meeting of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 20 April 2015

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/g3759/Printed%20minutes%2020th-Apr-2015%2019.00%20Safer%20Stronger%20Communities%20Select%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

Scoping report for poverty review at the meeting on 1 July 2015

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s37304/Appendix%20D%20-%20Poverty%20review%20010715.pdf>

Minutes of the meeting of Committee on 1 July 2015

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/g3764/Printed%20minutes%2001st-Jul-2015%2019.00%20Safer%20Stronger%20Communities%20Select%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

Officer report on Indices of Multiple Deprivation at the Committee meeting on 21 October 2015

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=189&MId=3339&Ver=4>

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# How to carry out an in-depth review

