

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
<b>Title</b>	The Impact of Demographic Change on the Future Delivery of Council Services – Evidence Session	<b>Item No</b>	5
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## 1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1. The Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee agreed to undertake a short review looking at Demographic Change as part of its work programme for 2016/17. This report, coupled with evidence provided at the meeting, will provide information for the Committee to discuss as part of its review.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Select Committee is asked to:

- note the content of the report and consider the information presented at Committee

## 3. Background

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 11 May 2016, the Committee resolved to undertake an in-depth review looking at demographic change in Lewisham. At its meeting on 28 November 2016 the Committee approved the scoping report for the review.

- 3.2. The scope for the review proposed that the review considered current medium-term and longer-term predictions and projections, and focused on areas of most concern in terms of pressure on residents and the Council, looking at how the Council forward plans for demographic change and how it manages risk. It proposed that the review considered the equalities aspect of demographic change with a view to identifying any population groups that are especially likely to feel the impact of demographic change and the council's role in mitigating this. The following key lines of enquiry were agreed:

- What sources of information are used to inform future delivery of council services?
- What are the predicted population trends in Lewisham?
- How does the Council use demographic information to predict future demand for services?
- How can the Council make better use of the available information?
- Where are the most severe pressure points on services predicted to be?

- How do national policy issues such as Brexit, devolution or boundary changes impact the Council's ability to plan for and predict demographic change?
- How can the Council ensure the best outcomes for local people in the context of the current financial climate?

3.3 In addition to the scope of the review, the Committee agreed at their meeting on 28 November 2016 that the following additional points should also be considered:

- Changes in demographic participation and demographics of those who do not vote.
- Projections on the numbers of looked after children and how services will need to adapt to this.
- Changes in how the Council will manage services due to changing demographics.
- How will Lewisham change by 2030 and what does the Council need to do to be prepared.

#### **4. Presentation**

4.1 The Chief Executive, Barry Quirk, will give a PowerPoint presentation, addressing the Review's Key Lines of Enquiry and additional areas of consideration, at the meeting.

#### **5. Further implications**

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

#### **Background Documents**

[The Impact of Demographic Change – Scoping Report](#) (28.11.16)

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