

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee			
Title	LGBT Provision in Lewisham – Evidence Session	Item No	4
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager		
Class	Part 1	Date	21 September 2017

REASON FOR LATENESS: The visit by Councillors to Manchester was scheduled too close to the date of despatch for the summary and presentations to be available.

REASON FOR URGENCY: The Committee needs to receive information from the visit to help shape their evidence session at this meeting.

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1. The Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee agreed to undertake a review looking at Provision for the LGBT Community in Lewisham as part of its work programme for 2017/18. 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:

- Receive Evidence from James Greenshields, Chief Executive, Tonic Housing.
- Receive an update from Councillors Walsh and Jacca on their recent visit to Manchester City Council and meetings with the LGBT Foundation.
- Note the content of the report and consider the information presented at Committee
- Agree proposed dates for skype conference with representatives from Leicestershire County Council.

3. Background

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 26 April 2017, the Committee resolved to undertake an in-depth review looking at LGBT provision in Lewisham. At its meeting on 26 June 2017 the Committee approved the scoping report for the review.
- 3.2. The scope for the review proposed the review include information on a wide range of issues relating to the LGBT community and to consider good practice from Manchester City Council which includes a focus on housing for elderly residents. This evidence session allows the Committee to increase

understanding of the National and London context and hear examples of good practice.

4. Presentation

- 4.1 James Greenshields, Chief Executive, Tonic, will give a presentation to the Committee, Committee members will have an opportunity to ask questions.
- 4.2 Appendix 1 provides the Committee with information from the visit to Manchester City Council and the LGBT Foundation. Appendix 2 provides a copy of the presentation Councillors received during their visit to Manchester.

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 and References

Appendix 1 – Summary of visit to Manchester City Council and LGBT Foundation.

Appendix 2 – Presentation from Manchester City Council

[LGBT Provision in Lewisham Scoping Report](#) (26.06.17)

Beyond Babies and Breast Cancer, LGBT Foundation, December 2013
<http://lgbt.foundation/womenshealth?fp>

Community Safety, The State of the City for Manchester's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Communities, LGBT Foundation, February 2014
<http://lgbt.foundation/policy-research/manchester-community-safety/>

Greater Manchester LGBT Action Plan, LGBT Foundation and Manchester City Council, June 2017
<http://lgbt.foundation/actionplan/>

Research Study into the Trans Population of Manchester, Manchester City Council,
http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/6603/research_study_into_the_trans_population_of_manchester

The State of the City for Manchester's Black and Ethnic Minority Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People, LGBT Foundation, November 2016
http://lgbt.foundation/assets/files/documents/dec_16/FENT_1481273610_State_of_the_City_Report_2016_.pdf

The State of the City for Manchester's Older Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People, LGBT Foundation, May 2015.

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Transforming Outcomes – A review of the needs and assets of the trans community, LGBT Foundation, May 2017

<http://lgbt.foundation/transformingoutcomes/>

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