

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>		
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Main Grants Programme Consultation Results	
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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Main Grants Programme Consultation Results at the meeting on 5 November 2018.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Community Services to provide a response.

## **3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views**

- 3.1 On 5 November 2018, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee reviewed the Main Grants Programme Consultation Results. The Committee noted the importance for some Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups of receiving funding from the Council as an endorsement allowing them to more easily secure additional funding from other sources. The Committee also noted that many VCS groups and services worked across more than one of the four funding streams on the Main Grants Programme and that this needed to be acknowledged within the process of awarding of grants. The Committee therefore made the following recommendation to be considered by the Mayor and Cabinet:

1. That emphasis should be placed on the ability of Voluntary and Community Sector Groups to access additional resources alongside any grants from the London Borough of Lewisham.
2. That emphasis should be placed on the ability of Voluntary and Community Sector Groups to meet more than one theme included in the Main Grants Programme.
3. That no decision should be made on Main Grants Funding periods until a decision has been reached on the budget cuts proposal COM 17 "Ending the Small and Faith Fund".

## **4. Financial implications**

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

## **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).

## **6. Further implications**

6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

### **Background papers**

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee agenda 5 November 2018: [link](#)

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