

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Provision for the LGBT+ Community in Lewisham – 6-month update	
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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 Provision for the LGBT+ Community in Lewisham – 6-month update at the meeting on 12 March 2019.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report and provide a response.

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 12 March 2019, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered a report entitled “Provision for the LGBT+ Community in Lewisham: 6-month update”. The Committee noted that recommendation 8 of their in-depth review recommended that “an elected member be appointed Council Lead/Champion for each protected characteristic under the 2010 Equalities Act”. The Committee were informed in the initial response to their recommendations in July 2018, that “The Mayor will appoint a Member Champion for Equalities at the next Full Council meeting who would work alongside the Cabinet Lead for Equalities”. The Committee noted that this had still not been done and therefore recommended the following:

That the Mayor agree that a Member Champion for Equalities should be appointed at the next meeting of Full Council and ensure this is on the agenda for the meeting.

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 12 March 2019: [link](#)

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