

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report Title	Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Proposal to close the Kirkdale Centre		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	3
Ward	All		
Contributors	Healthier Communities Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	9 November 2011

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report "Proposal to close the Kirkdale Centre, Community Education Lewisham" considered at their meeting on 25 May 2011.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to consider the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee as set out in section three of the report prior to taking any closure decision.

3. Healthier Communities Select Committee Views

- 3.1 On 8 June, the Healthier Communities Select Committee considered a report outlining the details of the consultation exercise undertaken on a proposal to close the Kirkdale Centre for adult education classes. The report also detailed the outcomes of the consultation process.
- 3.2 The Healthier Communities Select Committee makes the following comments:
- 1) The Committee notes its disappointment that the full report prepared for Mayor and Cabinet, and proposed recommendations, were not made available to them at their meeting for full pre-decision scrutiny, as had been anticipated by the Committee following discussions at its meeting on 27 April 2011.
 - 2) The Committee is further disappointed that a full Equalities Impact Assessment and all relevant financial information about the CEL funding and budget allocation were not available to them, to inform their consideration of the proposal.
 - 3) The Committee recommends that the Mayor instructs officers to use their best endeavours to consider the option of splitting the use of the building between Kelvin Grove School and CEL.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of accepting the Committee's recommendations will need to be considered.

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).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Proposal to close Kirkdale Centre, CEL – Officer Report to Healthier Communities Select Committee (27.03.11)

Minutes of the Healthier Communities Select Committee (27.04.11)

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