

Mayor And Cabinet			
Report Title	Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Commissioning, Monitoring and arrangements for inspection of services in care homes used by Lewisham		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Healthier Communities Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	7 December 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 discussion of the officer report "Commissioning, Monitoring and arrangements for inspection of services in care homes used by Lewisham", considered at its meeting on 9 November 2011. This review was remitted to the committee by a resolution of Full Council on 29th June 2011.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee as set out in section three of the report and agree that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to respond to the referral.

3. Healthier Communities Select Committee Views

- 3.1 On 9 November, the Healthier Communities Select Committee considered a report outlining the arrangements for commissioning, monitoring and inspection of services in care homes used by Lewisham. After considering the report, the Committee took further evidence from the Cabinet Member for Older People, a member of the lay visitor scheme, the Local Compliance manager from the Care Quality Commission and the Service Manager for Adult Social Care Commissioning, Contracts and Brokerage.
- 3.2 The Healthier Communities Select Committee makes the following comments:
- 1) The Committee notes the excellent work of the lay visitors and the importance of this scheme, and asks that the Executive Director ensure the scheme and its participants are adequately supported and resourced to continue to carry out this excellent work.
 - 2) The Committee notes the important work of the Cabinet Member for Older People in engaging with and supporting older people in Lewisham and asks that the Cabinet Member is afforded adequate officer support and resource to continue her excellent work.

- 3) The Committee suggests that all Councillors and Council staff be made aware of the lay visitor scheme and the opportunity to apply for training to become Lewisham lay visitors be open to all councillors and staff.

4. Financial Implications

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

Commissioning, Monitoring and arrangements for inspection of services in care homes used by Lewisham – Officer Report to Healthier Communities Select Committee (09.11.11)

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