



Mayor and Cabinet

Referral from Children and Young People Select Committee

Date: 24 January 2020

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: N/A

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Outline and recommendations

This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the views of the CYP Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Thursday 23 January 2020.

The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee and to provide a response

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

CYP Select Committee – Children’s Social Care post Ofsted report, 23 January 2020

CYP Select Committee – Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet, 23 January 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the views of the CYP Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Thursday 23 January 2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee as set out in section four of this referral and to provide a response.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. Reliable ICT that is fit for purpose is a basic requirement for effective delivery of the Council’s priorities as set out in the Corporate Strategy.

4. Background

- 4.1. ICT problems have been a recurring issue at CYP Select Committee. At its most recent meeting on 23 January 2020, the Committee considered a report on Children’s Social Care following the Ofsted inspection in July 2019, which judged that services ‘required improvement’. The report states that Ofsted experienced significant ICT problems during the inspection.
- 4.2. Children’s Social Care has identified 12 priority areas for improvement through 2020/21, one of which is “Stable ICT to support practice, performance and financial management”.
- 4.3. ICT continues to be a problem that affects service delivery, not only for Children’s Social Care, but also for other services that the CYP Select Committee scrutinises, as the Committee has heard on numerous occasions through the course of this municipal year.

5. CYP Select Committee views

- 5.1. Too often, problems with the the corporate ICT is hampering the effective delivery of the services that the Committee scrutinises.
- 5.2. The Children and Young People Select Committee recommends that the Mayor and Cabinet takes urgent action to address the recurring problems with the corporate ICT

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provision.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1. Financial and resource implications will depend on the course of action that the Mayor and Cabinet decides to take.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1. None.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. None.

9. Background papers

10. <http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s71243/4.Childrens%20Social%20Care%20post%20Ofsted%20report%20v2.pdf>

11. Glossary

Term	Definition
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
CYP	Children and Young People

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