



Public Accounts Select Committee

Report title: Comments of the Children and Young People Select Committee on budget cuts

Date: 3 December 2020

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Assistant Chief Executive (Scrutiny Manager)

Outline and recommendation

This report informs Public Accounts Select Committee of the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Thursday 26 November 2020 on proposed budget cuts.

- The Public Accounts Select Committee is recommended to note the views of the committee and include these in its referral to Mayor and Cabinet.

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report informs the Public Accounts Select Committee of the views of Children and Young People Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on 26 November 2020 on the proposed budget cuts.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Public Accounts Select Committee is recommended to note the views of the committee as set out in section four of this referral and include these in its referral to Mayor and Cabinet.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. Fully understanding the impact of the proposed cuts is vital to informed decision-making.

4. Children and Young People Select Committee views

- 4.1. At its meeting on 26 November 2020, the Children and Young People Select Committee received a report on proposed budget cuts. Following discussion the committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet in the following terms:
- 4.2. In all upcoming budget reports, could the following information be included:
- 4.2.1. The impact of a proposed cut on the users of a service;
- 4.2.2. The impact of a proposed cut on the staff of a service;
- 4.2.3. The impact of the cut on the service overall;
- 4.2.4. The cumulative impact of the cut on the Lodnon Borough of Lewisham as a whole.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 7.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

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8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

11. Background papers

[Budget Cuts report to CYP Select Committee 26.11.20 \(see item 4\)](#)

12. Report contact

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