

# Public Accounts Select Committee Supplementary Agenda

Tuesday, 24 September 2019  
**7.00 pm**, Committee room 1  
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Public Accounts Select Committee		
Title	Budget cuts	
Contributor	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Item 4
Class	Part 1 (open)	24 September 2019

## 1. Purpose

1.1. This report informs Public Accounts Select Committee of the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee arising from discussions held on the budget cuts report at the Committee's meeting on 11 September 2019.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1. As part of its overall consideration of the budget cuts, Public Accounts Select Committee is asked to consider the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee - as set out in this referral.

## 3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

3.1. At its meeting on 11 September 2019, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the budget cuts report. In particular, it reviewed a proposal to cut the budget for the environment division (CUS07, reduction in street sweeping) – which would involve the reduction in the frequency of residential street sweeping from the current once a week to once a fortnight. It has been suggested that this be achieved through a major restructuring of the service that would lead to the loss of around 30-40 fulltime staff (from a current headcount of 132 staff).

3.2. Following consideration of the report and answers to the Committee's questions from officers, Sustainable Development Select Committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet, via Public Accounts Select Committee, as set out below.

3.3. The Committee is concerned about the negative impact of this cut. As previously stated, it is apprehensive about the progressive deterioration of the cleanliness of Lewisham's streets - as well as the perception by residents of the Council's ability to carry out its basic functions.

3.4. The Committee wants to know whether a balance can be found between making cuts to the service and maintaining a reasonable quality of provision. It would welcome more detailed information about the potential for a complete reorganisation of the service - as well as the impact of making different levels of cuts on a sliding scale.

- 3.5. The Committee also wants to better understand the types (and cost) of mitigating actions that might be put in place to deal with the impact of this cut. This includes – but is not limited to – the potential for using machinery and other innovations for responsive cleansing.
- 3.6. The Committee believes that further proactive, coordinated and robust support should be provided by the Council’s communications team to make Lewisham residents aware of the reasons for making cuts. Moreover, Members believe that there should be a wider campaign by the Council to encourage civic pride in Lewisham (with the concurrent ambition of encouraging people to take pride in the cleanliness of their streets). It believes that this should incorporate support for schools to encourage and engage children and young people. This campaign could also include work to encourage take away and fast food operations to keep the areas near their shops tidy.
- 3.7. In summary, the Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet should give further detailed consideration to the issues raised in this referral in advance of implementing this cut.

#### **4. Further implications**

- 4.1. There are no direct financial, legal, environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee’s recommendations.

#### **Background papers**

Sustainable Development Select Committee agenda 11 September 2019:

<https://tinyurl.com/sdsc110919>

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<b>Public Accounts Select Committee</b>		
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Budget Cuts	
<b>Contributor</b>	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Item 4
<b>Class</b>	Part 1 (open)	24 September 2019

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs the Public Accounts Select Committee of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Budget Cuts at the meeting on 12 September 2019.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Public Accounts Select Committee is asked to consider the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report.

## **3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views**

- 3.1 On 12 September 2019, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered a report entitled "Budget Cuts". The Committee resolved to recommend the following to Public Accounts Select Committee:

"That the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) should be aligned to the Council's Capital Programme."

## **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 September 2019: [link](#)

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<b>Public Accounts Select Committee</b>		
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Children and Young People Select Committee on the Budget Cuts	
<b>Contributor</b>	Children and Young People Select Committee	Item 4
<b>Class</b>	Part 1 (open)	24 September 2019

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Public Accounts Select Committee of the comments and views of the Children and Young People Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Budget Cuts at the meeting on 17 September 2019.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Public Accounts Select Committee is asked to consider the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report.

## 3. Children and Young People Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 17 September 2019, the Children and Young People Select Committee considered a report entitled "Budget Cuts". The Committee resolved to recommend the following to the Public Accounts Select Committee in regards to budget cut proposal **RES20**:
- 1) Children and Young People Select Committee re-iterate the comment below from Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee:  
  

"That the true impact of the proposed cut and more details of the special characteristics of the nurseries involved needed to be known and understood prior to making a decision on the proposal so that the potential equalities impact on users can be outlined."
  - 2) More information on the nurseries' charging structures should be known prior to a decision being made.
  - 3) More information on the history of the subsidy to the nurseries should be understood prior to a decision being made.

## 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**

Children and Young People Select Committee agenda 17 September 2019: [link](#)

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Public Accounts Select Committee		
Title	Budget cuts	
Contributor	Housing Select Committee	Item 4
Class	Part 1 (open)	24 September 2019

## 1. Purpose

1.1. This report informs Public Accounts Select Committee of the views of the Housing Select Committee arising from discussions held on the budget cuts report at the Committee's meeting on 18 September 2019.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1. As part of its overall consideration of the budget cuts, Public Accounts Select Committee is asked to consider the views of the Housing Select Committee - as set out in this referral.

## 3. Housing Select Committee views

3.1. At its meeting on 18 September 2019, the Housing Select Committee considered the budget cuts report. This included reviewing budget cut proposal CUS15, Cuts generated through No Recourse to Public Funds service.

3.2. Following consideration of the report, Housing Select Committee resolved to refer its views to Public Accounts Select Committee, as set out below.

3.3. *"Some members of the Housing Select Committee have serious concerns about the impact of the proposed budget cut without first having the opportunity to scrutinise the findings of the independent review of the Council's No Recourse to Public Funds service."*

## 4. Further implications

4.1. There are no direct financial, legal, environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

### Background papers

Housing Select Committee agenda 18 September 2019: <https://tinyurl.com/y4xbcpb6>

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