

Decisions taken by the Public Accounts Select Committee on Thursday, 20 December 2018

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Part A – Items considered in public

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| A1 | Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 | Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November be agreed as an accurate record. |
| A2 | Declarations of interest | <p>Resolved: That the report should be considered by the Audit Panel and Mayor and Cabinet. The Committee agreed that it would share its views with Mayor and Cabinet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee welcomes the financial control review. It recommends that Mayor and Cabinet should give it careful consideration before seeking detailed responses on each of the issues raised, including: the finances of children and young people's services; adult social care; the housing revenue account; health services; income generation; IT and the general culture of monitoring at the Council. • The Committee also requests that the response return to the Committee with additional clarification around expenditure and accounting between the housing revenue account and the general fund. |
| A5 | Financial forecasts 2018-19 | <p>Resolved: The Committee agreed to share its views with Mayor and Cabinet, as follows-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee welcomes officers' report on income generation and is pleased with the comprehensiveness of the new income generation strategy. The Committee endorses the new strategy and recommends that it is agreed by Mayor and Cabinet. • Pending a decision by Mayor and Cabinet on the income generation strategy and the new fees and charges framework, the Committee looks forward to a future report on fees and charges in due course (a provisional update has been included on the Committee's work plan for March 2019). • The Committee anticipates progress on cultural change at the Council to stimulate commercial thinking and to bolster entrepreneurial activity. It is eager that this change permeates throughout all of the Councils directorates, divisions and services. • The Committee believes that the Council should retain corporate support for procurement and commercial services in order to coordinate and support this work. • The Committee asks that, in a years' time, officers return with a comprehensive review of the first year of the strategy and that this includes an assessment of the areas that have |

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| | | <p>been considered and potential future income targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee endorses the work carried out by its Vice-Chair and it has attached the briefing she has provided to its referral. |
| A6 | Social value policy | <p>Resolved: that the Committee would share its views with Mayor and Cabinet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee welcomes the social value policy. However, it urges Mayor and Cabinet to provide direct, sustained and determined political will in order to challenge officers to achieve the highest possible social value from all of Lewisham's contracts. • The Committee believes that the Council should be able to ensure that, where practical, the supply chain for Council contracts also provides social value to Lewisham. • The Committee recommends that there be regular and diligent monitoring of contractors to ensure that they are adhering to both the technical requirements and the wider spirit of the Council's ambitions for social value. The Committee also believes that consideration should be given to changing key performance indicators over time to ensure that the Council is achieving ongoing high quality value from its contracts. • The Committee believes that air quality and other environmental issues should receive much greater prominence in the new policy. |
| A8 | Mid-year treasury management review | <p>Resolved: that the budget would be the substantive item on the agenda for the Committee's meeting on 5 February 2019 and that the Chair would decide on the appropriate format for the meeting.</p> |
| A10 | Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet | <p>Resolved: that the Committee's views under items four, six and seven be referred to Mayor and Cabinet.</p> |