

Decisions taken by the Children and Young People Select Committee on Thursday, 21 January 2021

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Part A – Items considered in public		
A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020	AGREED as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
A2	Declarations of interest	<p>The following interests were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Luke Sorba is the Lewisham Council appointee to the Council of Governors for the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust, and a Member of the Socialist Health Association • Cllr Jacq Paschoud is a Member of Socialist Health Association, and a Trustee of a short breaks provider in Lewisham (the Ravensbourne Project) • Cllr Liz Johnston-Franklin is the Council representative on the Youth First Board.
A4	Budget cuts	<p>RESOLVED that a referral be made to the Mayor and Cabinet, via Public Accounts Select Committee, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommends that the proposal C-23 (that £350,000 of the Health Visitor budget transfers to other parts of the public health budget) is not made in 2021/22, considering the risk to families with children under 2 and Lewisham’s existing poor Healthy Child Programme (HCP) coverage. This would enable: efforts to be made to improve contract management and recruit and retain health visitors. Failing this, Councillors can be presented with a clear plan for support which will be given to families with 0-2 year olds to achieve the goals of the HCP in terms of support and surveillance. The Committee feels strongly that a detailed comparison of the public health budget for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and understanding of prioritisation is necessary to fully understand the impact of the proposal before any decision is made. • The Committee, taking into account compelling evidence of the escalating and damaging effect of the Pandemic on children and young people’s mental health, warnings expressed by specialist Health Professionals, Academics, Educators, Charities, Parents and Campaign groups, and the indefinite third national lockdown

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		along with prolonged school closures (which were not anticipated when this proposal was initially drafted) recommends not to go ahead with Proposal C-22 (£250,000 cut in Council contribution to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) in the financial year 2021/22.
A5	Corporate Parenting and Children Looked After	RESOLVED that the report be noted.
A6	SEND transition from children's to adults' services	RESOLVED that the report be noted. The Committee recorded its thanks to Children and Young People (CYP) officers for their work in responding to the pandemic.
A7	Select Committee work programme	RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members note the invitation to attend a meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee at 7pm on 1 March via MS Teams to jointly consider an item on the Youth Offending Service. • the report be noted.