

Decisions taken by the Housing Select Committee on Thursday, 17 November 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the last meeting be agreed as a true record.
A2	Declarations of interest	<p>Councillor Cooper declared an interest as a service manager for Community Advice Works- which provides advice and advocacy for people regarding housing matters in Lewisham.</p> <p>Councillor Penfold declared an interest as an employee of the Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network- which provides advice to refugees and migrants in Lewisham.</p> <p>Councillor Harding declared an interest as an employee of Centre Point- a youth homelessness charity- which manages property in Lewisham.</p>
A3	Responses from Mayor and Cabinet	None.
A4	Budget reductions report	<p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p> <p><i>Following consideration of the Accommodation Procurement Strategy, it was noted that whilst the Committee had not challenged any of the recommendations in this report, it had concerns as to whether these savings could be achieved.</i></p>
A5	Lewisham Homes repairs update	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the report be noted along with the fact that the Committee still had very serious concerns about Lewisham Homes’ repairs; • that Lewisham Homes attend the Committee’s meeting in March 2023 to provide a further update on repairs;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that Lewisham Homes provide the Committee with further information on how many legal cases were being brought against them every week and how much money from their disrepair budget was being spent on legal fees and compensation.
A6	Future of Housing Managed by Lewisham Homes	RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the report be noted.
A7	Accommodation procurement strategy	RESOLVED: That <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Committee’s concerns about moving young children to a distance where they couldn’t continue at the same school be noted, as this had an impact on the mental health of the young children, although the committee recognised the significant pressures on the housing service; the location priority policy be shared with the Committee; information be provided to the Committee on which London Local Authorities were members of Capital Letters; the report be noted.
A8	Select Committee work programme	RESOLVED: That <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the agenda for the next meeting in January 2023 be agreed;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A repairs update from Housing Providers be added as an agenda item for the March 2023 meeting;• A Lewisham Homes Repairs update be added as an agenda item for the March 2023 meeting.