

Public Accounts Select Committee		
Title	Mayoral response to the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the Lewisham Future Programme	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs members of the response given at Mayor and Cabinet on 28 September to the Committee's referral on the 2017/18 savings report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Select Committee is recommended to receive the Mayoral response to their comments on the 2017/18 savings report (Lewisham Future Programme).

3. Background

- 3.1 For their September 2016 meetings, all scrutiny select committees took the opportunity to consider the savings proposals put forward by officers for the 2017/18 financial year. Each committee referred its views on the savings proposals to the Public Accounts Committee, which considered the comments of select committees (and input from select committee chairs) in order to produce a combined referral for consideration by Mayor and Cabinet.

4. Mayoral response

- 4.1 At the meeting of Mayor and Cabinet on 28 September 2016, having considered an officer report and additional tabled legal implications, as well as presentations by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny and by the UNITE rep at Lewisham CAMHS, the Mayor agreed that:

(i) the areas of anticipated savings for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 as set out be noted;

(ii) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the 22 September 2016, which incorporates the views of the respective Select Committees be received and responded to as shown below;

(iii) the actions listed below for each saving totalling £5.99m in 2017-18 be agreed for the detailed proposals in Appendices i to vi

4.2 Smarter & deeper integration of social care & health

- A18a (Widening the scope for charging by removing subsidy and increasing charges) Consultation and Monitoring required and report to Healthier Communities SC prior to returning to Mayor & Cabinet.
- A18b (Widening the scope for charging by improving income collection performance) Consultation not required.
- A19; (Workforce productivity from better use of technology) Delegated to Officers but Monitoring required.
- A20; (Reduction in day care offer) Consultation not required.
- A21 a & b (Review levels of Mental Health expenditure, manage demand for accommodation services review implementation of s117 requirements) Consultation not required.

4.3 Supporting people

- B3 (Re-procure floating support services) Consultation not required.

4.4 Asset rationalisation

- E6; (Property investment acquisition) Consultation not required.
- E7 (Development of Private Rental Schemes) Consultation not required.

4.5 Management and corporate overheads

- I11 a & b (Review insurance risks & reserves and review insurance risks and reorganise) Consultation not required.

4.6 Culture and community services

- L8; (Facilities management) Comments from Select Committee accepted with new contracts to reflect Council values and the London Living wage.
- L9; (Local Assemblies) Saving not taken and Officers asked to review outputs and what value has been produced by each Assembly.
- L10; (Lewisham Learning Subsidy) Consultation not required.

4.7 Housing strategy and non-HRA funded services

- M3; (Housing needs restructure) Consultation not required.
- M4; (PLACE/Ladywell) Consultation not required.
- M5; (Hamilton Lodge Hostel income) Consultation not required.
- M6; (Reorganise provision of the handy persons service) Housing Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor& Cabinet consideration

- M7 a & b; (Reduce No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) re-provisioning housing and NRPF prompt claiming of housing benefit project) Consultation not required.

4.8 Safeguarding and early intervention

- Q6 a to f; (Developing alternative pathways for care; shared housing; housing support; access to public housing; claiming of housing benefit; contract monitoring; improved planning) CYP Select Committee to receive monitoring information after implementation.
- Q7 a & b; (Redesign of Lewisham CAMHS – improve access pathways; further integration work) Monitoring by Select Committee to take place and no further savings to be required from this area in the next two annual budget rounds.
- Q8; (Develop in-house fostering and specialist carers) Consultation not required.
- Q9; (Enhance support for children on edge of care) Consultation not required.
- Q10; (Enhance family finding capacity for step down) CYP Select Committee to receive monitoring information after implementation
- Q11 a (Redesign of Meliot Centre - review of services at the centre) CYP Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor& Cabinet consideration
- Q11 b (Redesign of Meliot Centre - develop contact centre) CYP Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor& Cabinet consideration

(iv) officers be authorised to carry out consultation where public/stakeholder consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and that officers bring a full report to Mayor & Cabinet at the earliest opportunity;

(v) officers be authorised to carry out consultation where staff consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;

(vi) where no consultation is required, the saving proposal be approved, or the decision be delegated to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;

(vii) officers be requested to complete further work to clarify the proposal and re submit the saving proposal at the earliest opportunity;

(viii) the work in hand for savings B3 and M3 totalling £0.6m be noted and the work of officers to deliver these savings be endorsed;

(ix) the decisions at Mayor and Cabinet meetings on the 12 November 2014 and 30 September 2015 be noted and the previously agreed savings of £17.4m for 2017/18 be approved;

(x) the update on progress in relation to Public Health savings be noted;

(xi) the draft efficiency plan be approved to enable the Council to accept the four year settlement offer in respect of Revenue Support Grant for the years 2016/17 to 2019/20; and

(xii) the following additional responses be made to the Sustainable Development Select Committee;

(a) Officers asked to review IT used by Planning and report back to the Select Committee;

(b) Officers be asked to continue work seeking to generate income from Council assets;

(c) Officers be asked to report back immediately if examples of cumulative negative impact resulting from savings proposals are discovered.

Background papers

Public Accounts Select Committee referral to Mayor and Cabinet: 28 September 2016:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45624/PAC%20Referral%20Lewisham%20Futures%20Programme.pdf>

Mayor and Cabinet minutes 28 September 2016:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=15048>

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