

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the audit panel	
Contributor	Public Accounts Select Committee	Item
Class	Part 1 (open)	19 April 2017

1. Summary

2. Recommendation

2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee's comments, as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions held on an update about the work of the audit panel, considered at the Committee's meeting on 15 March 2017.

3. Public Accounts Select Committee views

3.1 On Wednesday 15 March 2017, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered an officer report entitled 'Audit panel update'. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:

- The Committee has concerns about progress with centralisation of counter fraud activities from local government to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).
- The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet raises queries about the progress and success the DWP has had to date with the creation of the single fraud investigation service.

4. Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

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

Public Accounts Select Committee agenda,

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=123&MIId=4163&Ver=4> 15

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