

Mayor And Cabinet			
Report Title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the Revenue Savings Options 2011/14		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Public Accounts Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	14 July 2010

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Revenue Savings Options 2011/14 at the Committee's meeting on 13 July 2010.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Public Accounts Select Committee as set out in section three of the report.

3. Public Accounts Select Committee Views

- 3.1 On 13 July, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered the Revenue Savings Options 2011/14. The Committee considered the written report and verbal evidence from the Mayor, Cabinet Member for Resources, Executive Directors and other officers at the meeting.

- 3.2 The Public Accounts Select Committee would like to make the following comments:

Range of options

- 3.3 The Committee noted its view that there should be a wider number of options for service reductions and alternatives put forward for consideration.

Equity and fairness

- 3.4 The Committee felt that equity and fairness should be central when considering service reductions and alterations, and therefore more explicit equality impact assessments should be carried out for all proposed reductions in service. The Committee further noted that the proposed savings could have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups, and this should be borne in mind when considering all proposals.

Information on staffing

- 3.5 The Committee felt that more contextual information regarding reduction in staff numbers should be included within proposals. Specific information regarding the

total number of posts within a team and service area, and the level of and number of posts proposed for deletion within a team, is felt necessary to gain a wider picture of the potential impacts of reduction, and the ability of service delivery to continue effectively.

Involving scrutiny

- 3.6 The Committee also noted that scrutiny, and in particular the Select Committees, should be involved in the longer term transformation of services.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of accepting the Committee's recommendations will need to be considered.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider them.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Financial survey and revenue savings options 2011/14 report – Officer Report to PAC (13.07.10)

If you have any queries on this report, please contact Salena Whatford, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (ext. 43380), or Kevin Flaherty, Head of Committee Business (ext. 49327).