

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Response to the referral of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee regarding the Local Assembly Programme	
Key Decision	No	Item No.
Ward	All	
Contributors	Executive Director for Community Services	
Class	Part 1	Date: 21 June 2017

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the comments and views arising from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee discussions held on the officer report entitled Local Assemblies Review at its meeting on 8 March 2017.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Mayor:

- 2.1 Approves the responses from the Executive Director for Community Services to the referral from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.
- 2.2 Agrees that this report should be forwarded to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 At their meeting of 8 March 2017 the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee received an officer report entitled Local Assemblies Review.
- 3.2 The report provided the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee with information on the performance and achievements of the Local Assemblies programme during the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years. It also identified areas for the potential future development of the Assemblies programme.
- 3.3 Following the consideration of the report the Committee resolved to request to Mayor and Cabinet that the following views of the Safer Stronger Community Select Committee be noted: The Committee stressed the importance of local assemblies for the local community and welcomed the Mayor's previous response of protecting funding. The Committee urged the Mayor and Cabinet to maintain the commitment and funding for Local Assemblies in future years.

4. Response to the referral

- 4.1 Officers are grateful for the support of the Committee for the work undertaken to deliver the Assembly Programme across the borough. The programme is a partnership between the local elected members, the officers and the local community who all play their part in the success of the Assemblies.

4.2 Officers recognise that Local Assembly funds play an important role in local community engagement and in stimulating the development of local initiatives. The continuation of funding for Local Assemblies will be a factor in future budget setting considerations.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications associated with this report.

8. Equalities Implications

8.1 There are no adverse equalities implications associated with this report.

9. Environmental Implications

9.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

Background papers

Local Assemblies Review paper presented to Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee on 8 March 2017

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s48212/07LocalAssembliesReviewSafer080317.pdf>

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