

| <b>Mayor and Cabinet</b> |   |                 |                 |
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| <b>Report title</b>      | Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Recommissioning of building-based day services for older adults |                 |                 |
| <b>Contributors</b>      | Healthier Communities Select Committee  | <b>Item No.</b> | 7               |
| <b>Class</b>             | Part 1  | <b>Date</b>     | 10 October 2019 |

## **1. Summary**

1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Tuesday 8 October 2019.

## **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree to provide a response.

## **3. Healthier Communities Select Committee views**

3.1 At its meeting on Tuesday 8 October 2019, the Healthier Communities Select Committee received a report on the outcome of the consultation on proposed changes to building-based day services for older adults.

3.2 The committee received reports from council officers and took evidence from members of the public, including a Professor of Caribbean Literature and Culture at Goldsmiths University, Professor Joan Anim-Addo.

3.3 After questioning and discussion the committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet in the following terms:

- *The committee noted that travel modelling on the proposed changes shows that no current service user would need to be in transport for longer than an hour each way in order to get to the Calabash Centre, but the committee expressed concern about the potentially severe impact of increased journey times on frail and older people, including those who have not previously needed to travel or use transport to access this service.*
- *The committee noted that an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) had been carried out as part of the consultation on the proposed changes, but requests that the EIA is revisited to have regard to the points made in evidence to the committee about the significance of the day services at the Calabash Centre to the African and Caribbean community and ageing well.*
- *The committee noted that some service users had strongly objected in the consultation to any relocation of services and noted the concerns expressed in the evidence to the committee from members of the public, and expressed concern about the potential impact on service users' wellbeing and the inherent potential for incidences of racism from moving and combining the various groups of service users.*
- *Therefore, the committee requests that the Mayor and Cabinet delays taking a decision on this matter until the points above have been fully considered and the EIA revisited.*

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

**5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The Constitution provides for select committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

**6. Further Implications**

6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

**Background papers**

[Healthier Communities Select Committee Agenda \(8 October 2019\)](#)

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