



Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

Mayoral Response on Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

Date: September 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendation

Members are asked to receive a Mayoral response considered by Mayor & Cabinet in March 2020

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Select Committee receives the Mayoral response on The Approach to borough wide pot of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

2. Summary

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee made a referral to Mayor and Cabinet on [local assemblies and NCIL](#) that went to Mayor and Cabinet on the 11th March 2020. The Mayor and Cabinet received the referral alongside a report entitled “The Approach to borough wide pot of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy” at a meeting held on March 11 2020. The Mayor and Cabinet also received the written comments of the Select Committee as the first appendix to that report.

The minutes of that Mayor & Cabinet meeting (minute 284) reads as follows:

The report was jointly presented by the Mayor and Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Cabinet Member for the Community Sector.

Councillor Slater highlighted the use of Common Place which had secured a very high consultation response. This was disputed by Councillors Juliet Campbell and James Rathbone, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee, who believed the Common Place platform did not attract a representative community response and that a delay to examine the methodology was required.

The Mayor thanked the Select Committee members for their input, but

observed that compared to previous Section 106 consultations, many more people were involved. He said the consultation had been pioneering and as such merited a review and could provide valuable lessons learned, but that a delay did not seem appropriate.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, and the Chair of the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress on agreeing the ward based priorities for the NCIL programme be noted;

(2) the process through which the borough-wide priorities have been developed be noted; and

(3) In regard to the allocation of the Borough-wide NCIL funding: £100,000 be allocated to the development of Council borough-wide Air Quality initiatives that promote community involvement; an open call for projects is run alongside the ward based process with the following priorities:

initiatives that seek to support local community groups to contributing to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

provision of high-quality mentoring services and those designed to keep Lewisham's children and young people safe from exploitation, violence and serious youth crime

support for people with learning disabilities and/or issues with mental health to find employment opportunities in order to identify projects for which the remainder of the fund may be allocated

such funding should support services that are borough-wide, as far as possible, but also provide extra focus on the most deprived wards in the borough as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation."

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