



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on local test and trace in Lewisham

Date: 7 October 2020

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Assistant Chief Executive (Scrutiny Manager)

Outline and recommendation

This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2020 on the Lewisham health and care Covid-19 recovery plan.

- The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee and agree to provide a response.

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the views of Healthier Communities Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2020 on the Lewisham health and care Covid-19 recovery plan.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Council's *Corporate Strategy 2018-2022* outlines the Council's vision to deliver for residents and includes the following priority relevant to this item:
 1. ***Delivering and defending: health, social care and support*** - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.

4. Healthier Communities Select Committee views

- 4.1. At its meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2020, the Healthier Communities Select Committee received a report on the Lewisham health and care Covid-19 recovery plan. During the item the committee received representation from the Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign. The campaign expressed concerns about NHS 111 and the centralisation and outsourcing of services and asked the committee join the call for test and trace services to be embedded locally. Following the campaign's representations the committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet in the following terms:
- 4.2. *Given the concerns expressed about centralised and outsourced services, the committee recommends to Mayor and Cabinet that Lewisham Council adds its voice to those of other councils demanding funding and support from central government to establish a locally-led test and trace system embedded within the Council, its public health team and primary care. The committee asks Mayor and Cabinet to make the representation necessary to make its voice heard on this issue.*

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 7.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

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- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

11. Background papers

- 11.1. [Healthier Communities Select Committee Agenda, 23 September 2020 \(see item 7\)](#)

12. Report contact

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