



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Comments of the Housing Select Committee on the Lewisham Homes repairs service

Date: 2 February 2022

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 Housing Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Thursday 20 January 2022 on the Lewisham Homes repairs service.

- 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 Housing Select Committee arising from discussions held at its meeting on Thursday 20 January 2022 on the Lewisham Homes repairs service.

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:

Tackling the housing crisis - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.

4. Housing Select Committee views

- 4.1. At its meeting on Thursday 20 January 2022, the Housing Select Committee received an update report on the performance of the Lewisham Homes repairs service, the challenges the service faces and the action being taken to improve the service to residents. Following presentations from officers, questions and discussion, the committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet in the following terms:
- 4.2. *The committee expresses considerable concern about the current high level of demand on the Lewisham Homes repairs service and the challenges that the service continues to face to meet this demand. The committee requests that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning investigates the issue and reports back to the committee about what needs to be done to address these challenges and meet demand.*
- 4.3. The committee also resolved at the meeting to receive an update from Lewisham Homes later in the year.

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:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act

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- 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. [Housing Select Committee Agenda, 20 January 2022](#)

12. Report contact

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