

Subject: London Ambulance Service

Report to: Health and Public Services Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 6 April 2011

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 At this meeting the Committee will hear from representatives of the London Ambulance Service about the challenges facing the organisation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes this report as background and puts questions to the invited guests.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to undertake a review of the London Ambulance Service, in order to examine the operational and strategic challenges facing the service. The terms of reference for the review are:
- To examine the operational, financial and organisational challenges facing the London Ambulance Service and consider how these can be met;
 - To consider what role the Mayor of London should have in relation to the governance, commissioning and delivery of the London Ambulance Service.
- 3.2 The Committee has invited written submissions of information from interested organisations including the London Ambulance Service, London boroughs, trade unions, NHS commissioners and practitioners, private and voluntary sector providers and the Patients' Forum.
- 3.3 The first meeting of this review was on 17 March 2011. At the meeting the Committee heard from a range of guests including representatives of the London Ambulance Service, commissioners, GPs, patients and an academic expert. The minutes from this meeting are to be considered under a separate item at this meeting.
- 3.4 At this meeting, the Committee will hear from the leadership of the London Ambulance Service about the operational, financial and strategic challenges facing the organisation.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The following guests have been invited to the meeting to answer questions about the London Ambulance Service:

- Richard Hunt, Chair, London Ambulance Service; and
- Peter Bradley, Chief Executive, London Ambulance Service.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this review.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: Minutes of Health and Public Services Committee meeting, 17 March 2011
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