

# Subject: Mental Health and Disabled and Deaf People

Report to: Health Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 January 2017

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information and context to the Committee's discussion with external guests on mental health and Disabled and Deaf people.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the scope for its review into mental health and Disabled and Deaf people outlined at Appendix 1 to this report.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the report as background for the discussion with invited guests and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree any output from the discussion.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Chair and Deputy Chairman have agreed to use this meeting of the Health Committee to discuss mental health and Disabled and Deaf people with a panel of invited guests.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

### *Remit of the discussion*

- 4.1 The meeting forms part of a series of Health Committee sessions looking at mental health inequalities for marginalised groups. This meeting will focus on the experience of service users. It will seek to determine the specific challenges faced by Disabled and Deaf people in accessing appropriate mental health support in London and what the Mayor could do to support better access to these services.

- 4.2 The Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree any output from the discussion at this meeting.

*Invited Guests*

- 4.3 Guests invited to the session include:
- Richard Holmes, Policy manager, Royal National Institute of Blind People;
  - Roger Hewitt, Chair, British Society for Mental Health and Deafness;
  - A representative from a pan-London disability charity;
  - Alessandro Storer, Equality Improvement Manager, MIND; and
  - A representative from the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Mayor of London’s statutory responsibilities in relation to health matters, as set out in the Greater London Authority (GLA) Act 1999, are to develop a strategy which sets out “proposals and policies for promoting the reduction of health inequalities between persons living in Greater London”. The GLA Act 1999 defines health inequalities as inequalities between persons living in Greater London “in respect of life expectancy or general state of health which are wholly or partly a result of differences in respect of general health determinants” and also goes on to define “health determinants”. The Mayor of London has no statutory role in the commissioning of any health services or health service provision.
- 5.2 Officers confirm that the scope for this review falls within the Committee’s terms of reference.
- 5.3 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 report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Scoping paper for the Health Committee’s review into mental health and Disabled and Deaf people

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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