

## **Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Wednesday 10 August 2011**

Call-in: Decision of Cabinet (19 July 2011)

Voluntary Sector Day Services and Lunch Clubs and Community Support

Decisions:

That Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

1. Notes the independent report by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations that the government's cuts will lead to a reduction in funding to the voluntary and community sector of £2.8 billion.
2. Notes the disproportionate impact of the government's cuts on Southwark with £34 million of cuts in 2011/12 compared to just £1 million in London's most affluent borough, Richmond-on-Thames.
3. Notes that the council's statutory responsibilities mean that difficult decisions must be made in terms of discretionary spending.
4. Notes the government's strong commitment to the personalisation agenda and that the council is obliged to provide personal budgets to service users.
5. Asks the cabinet to ensure that the assessment of current service users for personal budgets is completed as soon as possible.
6. Asks the cabinet to continue engaging with voluntary groups during the transitional period and to ensure that officers continue to provide advice and support to the voluntary groups.
7. Agrees not to refer the decision back to the cabinet.