

**Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Thursday, 30 October 2014**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September were agreed.</p>
A3	Lewisham Future Programme: 2015/16 Revenue Budget Savings	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee resolved to advise the Public Accounts Select Committee of the following:</p> <p>The Committee was keen to know what ICT changes and/or new systems were being considered in the areas of asset management and planning, as this was not specified in the proposals.</p> <p><u>E1: Structural re-organisation of the Regeneration &amp; Asset Management Division</u></p> <p>The Committee noted that it was difficult to comment on the proposal without more detail on the new structure of the reshaped division and information on the areas that would be most affected by staff reductions; and requested that this information be made available as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>E2: Optimisation of operational estate</u></p> <p>The Committee recognised the potential benefits of increasing the use of school premises outside school hours, but noted that the targets set are ambitious and that it will be difficult to greatly increase the use of school premises for community use. Despite similar statements in the past, previous targets for greater community use of school premises have not yet been achieved.</p> <p><u>H1: Restructuring of enforcement and regulatory services</u></p>

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		<p>The Committee broadly supported the proposals set out in principle, but asked for more detail and requested that further information is provided on staffing reductions and about what would be different in each of the current service areas in the new model of provision. The Committee were concerned that the proposals could end up being simply a reduction in staffing and wanted to ensure that an opportunity to genuinely restructure services to enable better and more coordinated enforcement across the council would not be missed.</p> <p><u>N1: Reduction in maintenance of some small parks, highways and reduced management costs</u></p> <p>The Committee recognised the opportunities presented in greater involvement of park user groups. However the Committee felt that the risks associated needed to be properly addressed, including issues around insurance, getting involvement from local communities and properly supporting volunteers. One suggestion was that sponsorship opportunities could be explored.</p> <p><u>N2: Reduction in street cleansing frequencies and cleansing management costs</u></p> <p>The Committee highlighted its concerns around this proposal and the potential negative impacts it will have on the borough, including a more negative perception of and loss confidence in the Council and its ability to look after the borough amongst residents, as well a decrease in feeling of community safety.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Waste Strategy	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee requested that a draft version of the strategy is brought to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>

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<b>A5</b>	Annual Parking Report	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Modern Roads Review - Scoping report	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed the key lines of inquiry and timetable, opting to have 2 evidence sessions.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Select Committee work programme	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed the work programme.</p>