

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on neighbourhood planning		
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1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled *neighbourhood planning*, considered at its meeting on the 19th March 2013.

2. Recommendation

The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to respond.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

3.1 On the 19 March 2013, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report on neighbourhood planning.

3.2 The Committee recommends that when dealing with community groups during the neighbourhood planning process, or determining applications to nominate assets of community value, Council officers should inform groups from the outset of the timescales and deadlines involved.

4. Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal implications

The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

6. Further implications

At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

Sustainable Development Select Committee Agenda (19.03.13)

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