

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Building the Lenox		
Contributor	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 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 *Build the Lenox*, considered at its meeting on 11 July 2013.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 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. Housing Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 11 July 2013, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report entitled *Build the Lenox* and received a presentation from members of the *Build the Lenox* group.
- 3.2 The Committee recommends that the Mayor write to Li Ka-Shing, Chairman of the Board of Hutchison Whampoa to urge a meeting between the developer and the *Build the Lenox* group.
- 3.3 The Committee recommends that a review be carried out by planning officers to determine what support can be given to the *Build the Lenox* group to assist in achieving the Lenox vision.
- 3.4 The Committee acknowledges the potential lasting benefits the *Build the Lenox* project might bring to the borough, including the employment, heritage, tourism, training and education initiatives it should help to create. The Committee also acknowledges that the project could help to create an iconic destination for tourists from around the world.
- 3.5 The Committee acknowledges the success of similar projects in regenerating towns and cities across Europe.
- 3.6 The Committee urges the Mayor to work jointly with the office of the Mayor of London and the London Assembly to support the project.
- 3.7 The Committee welcomes efforts by the Build the Lenox team to encourage the builders of the L'Hermione in Rochefort, France to visit the borough and share their experiences of building a replica warship.

3.8 The Committee notes the relevance of sections of the Council's core strategy, specifically section 4B of the spatial strategy for regeneration areas, which relate to community well being.

4. Financial Implications

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

5. Legal Implications

5.1 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. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations. These will need to be considered in the response.

Background papers

Build the Lenox (11/07/13)

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s23426/07%20Build%20the%20Lenox%20110713.pdf>

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