

Mayor & Cabinet		
Report Title	Response to referral by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Sayes Court Garden	
Key Decision	No	Item No.
Ward	Evelyn	
Contributors	Executive Director of Resources and Regeneration	
Class	Part 1	Date: 5 March 2014

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the Mayors response to the referral from the Housing Sustainable Development Select Committee on Regeneration and Housing on Sayes Court Garden.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The Sustainable Development Select Committee held a meeting on 10th December 2013 and referred a report from that meeting to the Mayor on 18th December 2013. The committee report made a number of recommendations for officer action regarding the Sayes Court Garden project. This report provides the detail of how officers have responded to these recommendations.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
- Approve the responses from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the Sustainable Development Select Committees.
 - Agree that this report should be forwarded to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

4. Policy Context

- 4.1 The contents of this report are consistent with the Council's policy framework.

5. Background

- 5.1 On 10 December 2013, the Sustainable Development Select Committee received a presentation from members of the Sayes Court Garden project. The select committee referred a report from that meeting to the Mayor and Cabinet meeting on 18th December 2013.

6. Response from the Mayor

- 6.1.1 The referral report recommended at paragraph 3.2 that the project's preferred proposals for the new Sayes Court Garden should be noted and should receive the appropriate level of support from the Council.
- 6.2 **Officer response.** Planning officers prepared a report on the Convoys Wharf planning application that was considered by the Council's Strategic Planning Committee at their meeting on 16th January 2014. The recommendation from the report is that the Mayor of London be advised that the report represents the views of Lewisham Council on the planning application. The Strategic Planning Committee report at paragraph 7.8.14 states that Officers are of the view that adaptations of the masterplan can and should be made to accommodate proposals to establish a green link between Sayes Court Gardens and the site of John Evelyn's House and associated gardens. The report further recommends that the application should not be approved and that amendments should be secured prior to determination in relation to the approach to Sayes Court and that the opportunity to link the remains of Sayes Court House and the gardens should be fully explored .
- 6.3 The referral report further recommended at paragraph 3.3 that. the Mayor works jointly with the office of the Mayor of London and the London Assembly to support the project.
- 6.4 **Officer response.** Planning officers have met with the GLA and the Sayes Court Garden group to facilitate discussions on the incorporation of the project as part of the Convoys Wharf planning application. Officers continue to engage with the GLA on this matter.

7 Legal implications

- 7.1 According to the Lewisham constitution, the procedures which the Mayor is required to follow when a report is referred from a scrutiny committee is that he will make a formal reply within two months of receipt
- 7.2 There are no other legal implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report

9 Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

10 Equalities implications

10.1 Lewisham's Comprehensive Equalities Scheme (CES) 2012-16 describes the Council's commitment to equality for citizens, service users and employees. The CES is underpinned by a set of high level strategic objectives which incorporate the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty;-

- tackle victimisation, harassment and discrimination
- to improve access to services
- to close the gap in outcomes for citizens
- to increase understanding and mutual respect between communities
- to increase participation and engagement

11 Environmental implications

11.1 Environmental issues are at the heart of the planning process and the Convoys Wharf planning application is accompanied by an Environmental impact analysis which is a statutory requirement.

12 Conclusion

12.1 The recommendations referred to the Mayor from the Sustainable Development Select Committee have been answered in section 6 of this report. The Mayor will now refer this response back to the committee.

Background documents

Short Title Document	Date	File Location	File Reference	Contact Officer	Exempt
Planning & Compulsory Purchases Act 2004 (as amended)	2004	Laurence House	Planning Policy	Brian Regan	No

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