

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE			
Report Title	Responses from the Mayor and Cabinet		
Key Decision			Item No. 6
Ward	All		
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1. Summary

This report informs the Sustainable Development Select Committee of the responses given by the Mayor and Cabinet to two reports submitted for consideration.

2. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Select Committee of Mayor and Cabinet responses to its views/comments on the Energy Action Zone and Review of Lewisham's Dry Recycling Policy and Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

3. Recommendation

The Select Committee is recommended to receive the Mayor and Cabinet responses.

4. Energy Action Zone

4.1 Having considered carefully the views of the Select Committee the Mayor and Cabinet decided:

- (i) that an Energy Action Zone be established with the initial focus on three wards, Evelyn, Downham and Brockley, as a pilot for work throughout the borough.
- (ii) that officers should ensure the programme was fully integrated with the Decent Homes Standard programme.

4.2 The Mayor believed the methodology used to assess impacts on the poorest and most disadvantaged was not sufficiently sophisticated, so he stated he would accept the Select Committee's advice and ask the Executive Director of Resources to consider the preparation of a more sophisticated methodology.

5. **Review of Lewisham's Dry Recycling Policy & Municipal Waste Management Strategy**

5.1 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed all the recommendations of the Sustainable Development Select Committee and agreed the following should be addressed, namely:

- (i) The council should enhance its communication campaign to help residents differentiate recycling collection from refuse collections, signs could be developed to be placed on collection vehicles. The wheelie bins used by staff collecting recycling should also be clearly marked with signs as part of the campaign.
- (ii) A public education campaign should be developed to inform people about Information could be provided on measures they could take to avoid contamination.
- (iii) The auditing and monitoring process should be maintained at all levels for the company that is awarded the contract for dry recyclables in order to enforce verifiable standards in terms of the quality of produce, tracking transport, manufacturing at the other end etc.
- (iv) Exporting sorted recyclable materials is better than land filling. Lewisham working with the GLA, London Remade and other bodies should push for the development of reprocessing facilities in London. The domestic market for recyclable materials also needs to be developed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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