

<b>Mayor And Cabinet</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Local Shops and Parades		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	<b>Item No.</b>	11
<b>Ward</b>	All		
<b>Contributors</b>	Sustainable Development Select Committee		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date</b>	22 June 2011

## **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 Local Shops and Parades item at the Committee's meeting on 10 May 2011.

## **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 the report and ask the Executive Director for Regeneration to prepare a response for consideration at the September 14 Mayor & Cabinet meeting.

## **3. Sustainable Development Select Committee Views**

- 3.1 On 10 May, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the Local Shops and Parades report produced by the Regeneration Directorate as well as verbal evidence provided by the Head of Planning at the meeting.
- 3.2 Following a series of discussions at the meeting, the Sustainable Development Select Committee would like to make the following comments to the Mayor and Cabinet:

The Mayor and Cabinet should produce an overarching strategy looking to promote and develop local shopping areas that are not in the top level of the retail hierarchy. This strategy should:

- Provide a cohesive approach for promoting the lower levels of the retail hierarchy within Lewisham, including district centres, neighbourhood local centres and parades.
- Produce guidance and information for shop owners, those running shops and the general public outlining the planning and licensing laws surrounding local shops in order to promote awareness of what is and isn't under the Council's control and what local people can do to try and improve and influence their local shopping areas.
- Aim to bring partner organisations together to improve communication in regards to issues affecting local shops. This should include Council departments, utilities companies, local shop owners and trading associations as well as local assemblies and the public.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of accepting the Committee's recommendations will need to be considered.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider them.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Shops and Parades – Report to Sustainable Development Select Committee (10.06.2011)

Minutes of the meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee (10.06.2011)

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