

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Collection and use of S106 funds and Community Infrastructure Levy – 2015 update (Planning obligations/regulations – Update) report.	
Contributor	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Item
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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 Collection and use of S106 funds and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – 2015 update (Planning obligations/regulations – Update) report, considered at its meeting on 22 October 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Select Committee as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to respond.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 22 October 2015, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report entitled Collection and use of S106 funds and Community Infrastructure Levy – 2015 update (Planning obligations/regulations – Update).
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee welcomed the report from officers and noted that the Council had been successful in securing increasing levels of funding from Section 106 in recent years and this is set to continue, albeit through a combination of CIL and Section 106 payments since the introduction of a borough CIL in April this year.
 - The Committee would like to ensure the remainder of the £23m outstanding from CIL and Section 106 payments is spent on projects in the borough, as designated by the development.
 - The Committee would like to see a mechanism that allows Members and communities some influence in how the CIL and Section 106 money is spent.
 - The Committee felt that officers should consider setting up a Community Trust or similar body to ensure the CIL and Section 106 money was secure in one overarching body.

3.3 Therefore, the Select Committee recommends that:

The Mayor:

- a) Ask officers to investigate the possibility of setting up a Community Trust or similar body for CIL and Section 106 payments.
- b) Ask officers to develop a framework of consultation so communities can set their priorities for development if CIL or Section 106 payments become available.
- c) Ask officers for further information on how the process of gathering priorities in communities for CIL and Section 106 payments will operate with both Neighbourhood Forums and Local Assemblies in operation.

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

6.1 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.

Background papers

Sustainable Development Select Committee – Agenda of 22 October 2015

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