

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>		
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford Regeneration Programme Update.	
<b>Contributor</b>	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Item
<b>Class</b>	Part 1 (open)	1 June 2016

## **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 Catford Regeneration Update, considered at its meeting on 12 May 2016.

## **2. Recommendation**

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

## **3. Sustainable Development Select Committee's views**

- 3.1 On 12 May 2016, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the Catford Regeneration Programme Update. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee were pleased with the funding being made available by the GLA in its designation of Catford town centre as a Housing Zone.
- 3.3 The Committee felt a clear vision for the future of Catford Town Centre should be developed instead of a fragmented approach, and that the feel and attraction of the centre of Catford to its residents, workers, pedestrians, cyclists and its visitors depended on establishing places where everybody feels accepted, relaxed and excited to be. The town centre should be designed to feel loveable, liveable, joyful and iconic.
- 3.4 The Committee felt strongly that the local community should be involved in and consulted on their vision for Catford and that such consultation should happen before the appointment of developers. The Committee urged that the consultation be used an opportunity for the Council to engage closely with the local community in future plans for the town centre and innovative consultation methods should be considered. The aim should be to identify the reasons people chose to live or spend time in Catford and to develop a shared vision for the lifestyle that Catford should offer its residents and visitors.
- 3.5 The Committee also noted the strength of feeling from local residents that had been expressed previously on planning applications for developments in Catford. It was recognised that the level of interest in the future of Catford was a significant asset for any future consultations on plans for the area.

- 3.6 The Committee was concerned that piecemeal development had already begun when a planning application for Former Catford Greyhound Stadium, Adenmore Road SE6 4RH was considered at a recent meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 3.7 The Committee felt that any decision on realignment of the South Circular through Catford would have major impacts, both for the traffic flow for buses and cars as well as for the quality of public space in the town centre. The Committee noted that Transport for London had previously presented their designs for the South Circular to the Committee, and hopes that Transport for London will weigh their concerns around the quality of the environment for pedestrians accordingly.
- 3.8 While appreciating that progress depends on a decision by Transport for London on whether to realign the South Circular (A205), the Committee requested that a clear timeline be established for the regeneration programme outlining the order of any key decisions, and that this should be shared with the Committee.
- 3.9 The committee strongly felt that the South Circular should be relocated as originally planned in order to achieve the town centre vision built around the theatre and a central piazza.

#### **4. Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be 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 documents**

Report to Sustainable Development Select Committee, 12 May 2016, Item 5: [Catford Regeneration Programme Update](#)

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