

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE			
Title	Lewisham Culture and Urban Development Commission 2001 summary report and excerpts		
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1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1. In November 2000, Lewisham Council invited Charles Landry to chair its Culture and Urban Development Commission. Charles Landry is an expert on the use of imagination and creativity in urban change, who invented the concept of the Creative City in the late 1980's. He chaired the Lewisham Culture and Urban Development Commission which published its final report in 2001.
- 1.2. The aim of the Commission was to explore and recommend to the Council the step changes needed to transform Lewisham into a stimulating environment so that it becomes recognised, locally and nationally, as a more visible and notable centre for creativity, cultural development, the arts and urban design. The purpose was also to develop a strategic synthesis between arts, culture, economy, urban vitality, landscape and urban design and to provide suggestions for strategies, programmes and projects as well as how these filter down into mechanisms for delivery.
- 1.3. The Commission made some comments on Catford and its place in the borough as part of their work, which may be relevant to the Committee's review into the Catford regeneration programme. Attached is the Commission's summary document focused on their recommendations as well as scans of some of the pages of their full report with relevance to Catford town centre.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Sustainable Development Select Committee is asked to:
 - note the content of "Creative Lewisham: the report of the Lewisham Culture & Urban Development Commission – final recommendations" report, and the attached scans of the Commission's full report.

3. Further Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial, legal, environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

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