

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the response from Mayor and Cabinet on housing zones	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on Mayor and Cabinet's response to the joint referral from the Housing and Sustainable Development Select Committees on housing zones, which was considered at its meeting on 8 March 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee's comments as set out in this report and to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Wednesday 8 March 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered Mayor and Cabinet's response to the joint referral from the Housing and Sustainable Development Select Committees on housing zones. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee notes the Mayor of London's response to Select Committee Chairs and welcomes the stated ambition to provide 35% affordable housing in Lewisham's housing zones. However, the Committee asks that officers are clear about the definitions they use for affordable housing in future reports.
- 3.3 The Committee notes that the bid document for the New Bermondsey housing zone only became available to Members after Mayor and Cabinet in February 2017.
- 3.4 The Committee notes that there are many issues that are being explored as part of the independent inquiry into matters relating to New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal. Pending the outcome of the inquiry, the Committee may decide to scrutinise any substantial issues that are not covered in the inquiry report.

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, 8 March 2017:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=136&Year=0>

Housing and Sustainable Development Select Committee meetings, 25 October 2016,

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=4173&Ver=4>

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