

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Response to Sustainable Development Committee – Work and Skills Strategy	<b>Item No</b>	X
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date</b>	10 May 2017

**1. Purpose of paper:**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on progress towards implementing the Work and Skills Strategy 2016-2018. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views.
- 1.2 Mayor and Cabinet was advised of the views of Sustainable Development Select Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and a response was requested from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the issues raised. This paper sets out the response.

**2. Recommendations:**

The Mayor is asked to:

- 2.1 approve the officer response to the referral by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on progress towards implementing the Work and Skills Strategy, and
- 2.2 agree that this report should be forwarded to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

**3. Referral from Sustainable Development Select Committee:**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the latest update on the Work and Skills Strategy 2016-2018 and resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views.
- 3.2 Mayor and Cabinet considered the referral from SDSC on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and asked the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response. The Committee's views together with the Executive Director's responses are set out in the following section.

3.2.1 The Committee congratulates officers on the work being done to implement the work and skills strategy with particular reference to the Pathways to Employment programme

Response: *Officers note the Committee's comments. Officers will continue to work with our partner agencies to deliver the actions set out in the Work and Skills Strategy and to support our residents gain skills and experience that will enable them to get good jobs and progress into better jobs*

3.2.2 The Committee notes that the focus of the implementation at present is partnership working at an officer level. The Committee recommends further political leadership and increased involvement at a councillor level to lobby government on the broader issues surrounding access to work and skills

Response: *We note the Committee recommendation. This programme has political leadership through a s101 joint committee of the three Boroughs formed by the Leaders of Lambeth and Southwark and the Mayor of Lewisham.*

*After 4 years of political lobbying, Works and Skills in London is being devolved to the GLA, and that joint Governance has been established with London Councils. The new Work Programme, the Work and Health programme, is being devolved to the sub regions of London. Lewisham is part of the Central London sub region for the purposes of work and skills, the Mayor is part of the formal governance board of CLF.*

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

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the actions proposed by the Select 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 implementing some of the recommendations of the Select Committee.

#### **List of Background documents**

<b>Short title of document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Work and Skills Strategy - update	Jan 2017	Fen Beckman
Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford programme (M&C)	Feb 2017	Fen Beckman

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