

<b>Sustainable Development Select Committee</b>		
Report title	Response to the recommendations of the Housing Select Committee and Sustainable Development Select Committee - Housing Zones	
Contributor	Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration (Head of Business & Committee)	Item 3
Class	Part 1	13 September 2017

## 1. Summary

This report informs members of the response given at Mayor and Cabinet to a referral in respect of recommendations to the Mayor by the Select Committees following discussions held on Housing Zones at a joint meeting in March 2017.

## 2. Purpose of the report

To report to members the response given at Mayor and Cabinet to recommendations made by the Select Committees on March 20 2017.

## 3. Recommendation

The Select Committee is recommended to receive the Mayoral response to their consideration of Housing Zones.

## 4. Background

- 4.1 The Mayor considered the attached report entitled 'Response To Referral from Sustainable Development and Housing Select Committee - Housing Zones' at the Mayor & Cabinet meeting held on July 19 2017.

## 5. Mayoral response

- 5.1 The Mayor received an officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith.
- 5.2 The Mayor resolved that the response shown in the attached report be submitted to the Select Committees.

### **Background papers**

Mayor & Cabinet minutes July 19 2017

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<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
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<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration	
<b>Class</b>	Open	Date: 19 July 2017

**1. Purpose:**

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the referral made by the Sustainable Development and Housing Select Committees to Mayor on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 following their consideration of an officer response to an earlier referral on Housing Zones in the borough.

**2. Recommendations:**

The Mayor is asked to:

- 2.1 Approve the officer response to the referral by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Housing Zones, and
- 2.2 Agree that this report should be forwarded to the Select Committee.

**3. Background:**

- 3.1 On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the Sustainable Development Select Committee and the Housing Select Committee held a joint meeting at which an officer paper on Housing Zones was considered (appendix 1). The purpose of the paper was to provide a general background to the Mayor of London's Housing Zone Programme and a specific update on the two designated Housing Zones in the borough – New Bermondsey and Catford.
- 3.2 Having considered the report, the Select Committees resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views (attached as appendix 2 of this report). The Select Committees' referral was considered by Mayor and Cabinet on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and officers were asked to respond. A copy of the officer response is attached as appendix 3 of this report.
- 3.3 The officer response contained in appendix 3, was considered by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Committee resolved to make a

further referral to Mayor and Cabinet on the subject matter. This referral was considered by Mayor and Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration was asked to respond. The Select Committee's comments and the Executive Director's responses are set out below.

#### **4. Referral and Officer Response:**

##### Referral

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.

##### Response

- 4.3 The Executive Director notes the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee and wishes to note further, on the point of affordable housing percentages, that the GLA's definition of affordable housing encompasses social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing. Wherever detailed information on particular tenures or type of affordable housing are available, officers will commit to making these available to members in order to help inform their decision.

#### **5. Financial Implications:**

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response.

#### **6. Legal Implications:**

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's 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).

#### **7. Crime and Disorder Implications:**

- 7.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this response.

#### **8. Equalities Implications:**

- 8.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this response.

**9. Environmental Implications:**

9.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this response.

**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1:** Housing Zones - Oct 2016

**Appendix 2:** Housing SC and SDSC Referral on Housing Zones

**Appendix 3:** Response To Referral From Sustainable Development and Housing Select Committee - Housing Zones

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