

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford regeneration programme	
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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 latest report on the regeneration of Catford, considered at the Committee's meeting on 13 September 2017.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 13 September 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a (part one) report on the Catford programme as well as a (part two) presentation about the development of the master planning process for the town centre. The Committee resolved to share its views with Mayor and Cabinet, as follows:
- 3.2 The Committee welcomes the sense of coherence and direction provided by the delivery of the masterplanning process. The Committee commends the work of the Catford regeneration programme team and it reiterates its appreciation for the careful consideration that officers are giving to all elements of the programme.
- 3.3 The Committee believes that the process of masterplanning has reached a point at which all councillors would benefit from the opportunity to be involved in discussions. The Committee asks that opportunities be provided for all elected members to be involved in the next stages of the development of the Catford town centre masterplan.
- 3.4 The Committee recommends that proposals for the future of the Council's offices and civic facilities retain a connection between civic functions, office space and the public. The Committee believes that the Council's offices should be open and accessible to the community so that there are opportunities for all residents to engage in the civic life of the borough.

- 3.5 The Committee recommends that officers' future discussions with Transport for London and the Greater London Authority should emphasise the connection between the delivery of housing action zone targets and improvements in transport connections. The Committee is concerned about current plans to stop the extension of the Bakerloo line in Lewisham, rather than extending it to Hayes (via Catford).
- 3.6 The Committee reiterates the importance of incorporating quality cycling and walking routes on the key arterial routes into Catford.
- 3.7 The Committee recommends that as part of the master planning process officers should consider the potential for the development of an education campus with further and higher education providers.
- 3.8 The Committee highlights the importance of Catford's varied and unique collection of businesses. The Committee recommends that consideration be given to options for provision of affordable premises for local businesses and organisations with a social purpose. This might include changes to the business rate system which enable innovation, encourage social purpose and support community participation.

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 as a result of implementing the recommendation in this report. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Sustainable Development Select Committee agenda 13 September 2017: [link](#)

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