

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on home energy conservation	
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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 an officer report on home energy conservation – as well as the Council’s declaration of a climate emergency.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee’s comments as set out in this report and provide ask the relevant Director to provide a response. The Committee would also welcome the attendance of the Cabinet Member at a future meeting to report on the response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Tuesday 4 June 2019, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on home energy conservation.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee welcomes the work being carried out by officers to deliver home energy efficiency in the borough. It also welcomes the initial work that is taking place in response to the Council’s declaration of a climate emergency. However, the Committee believes that officers working in this area need additional resources to deliver this work.
 - The Committee believes that one way to increase funding would be to provide upfront backing for ‘green projects’ (such as solar installations or other micro generation projects) in the borough that would deliver a sustainable longer-term financial return. This may result in added support for Lewisham’s most vulnerable households whilst also generating resources for future work by the Council. The Committee would welcome a written response from Mayor and Cabinet alongside the attendance of the relevant Cabinet Member at a future Sustainable Development Select Committee meeting in order to provide details of the Executive’s response to this proposal.

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. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Sustainable Development Select Committee agenda, 4 June 2019:
<https://tinyurl.com/SDSC040619>

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