



## Mayor and Cabinet

### **Report title: Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the local plan**

**Date:** 11 March 2020.

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1.

**Ward(s) affected:** All.

**Contributors:** Sustainable Development Select Committee

### **Outline and recommendations**

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions on the development of the new local plan.

Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. On Tuesday 21 January 2020, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report from officers on the development of the local plan ([link to the agenda and reports for the meeting on 21 January 2020](#)) Following questions to officers, the Committee agreed to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

## 3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1. The Committee commends the work that has been carried out by officers in developing the draft local plan. It particularly welcomes the engagement that has been carried out with councillors.
- 3.2. The Committee recommends that there should be greater emphasis in the new plan on the 'Urban National Park' initiative which is proposed in the south of the borough.
- 3.3. The Committee recommends that - when deciding on designating any new conservation area - careful consideration should be given to the potential impact on residents' future ability to install energy saving features (such as solar panels and external insulation).
- 3.4. The Committee would welcome stronger enforcement activity to protect the borough's heritage assets and listed buildings. It is particularly concerned about the borough's historic pubs.
- 3.5. The Committee recommends that funding for planning enforcement should be maintained and, where possible, strengthened.
- 3.6. The Committee recommends that officers give further consider about how best to protect the borough's trees.
- 3.7. The Committee is concerned about the impact of impermeable paving on flood risk in the borough. It recommends that officers should investigate the options for removing permitted development rights for paving on front gardens in order to ensure that permission is only given for sustainable permeable paving.
- 3.8. The Committee recommends that further consideration should be given to ensuring that affordable housing for students is allocated to those who are most in need.

## 4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there may be implications arising from them implementation of the Committee's recommendations. These will need to be considered as part of the response.

## 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. Equalities implications

- 6.1. The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality

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duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

6.2. In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

6.3. There may be equalities implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

## **7. Climate change and environmental implications**

7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be climate change and environmental implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

## **8. Crime and disorder implications**

8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

## **9. Health and wellbeing implications**

9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

## **10. Report author and contact**

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