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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2015	RESOLVED: That: The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2015 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting, after the following amendment. Councillor Brown's apologies were noted.
A3	High Streets Review - Evidence Session	RESOLVED: That the Committee: a) Note the comments b) Consider the evidence already presented at its two previous meetings as part of the High Streets Review.
A4	Flood and River Related Consultations - Preliminary Results	RESOLVED: That the Committee recommend to Mayor and Cabinet the following: a) Support the opening of the culvert at Southend Park and naturalising the river to aid flood mitigation in the borough. b) Ensure that as part of the Council's planning policy guidance on home extensions and renovations, applicants are asked to consider permeable paving for their driveways and gardens. There should also be a boroughwide communications campaign that encourages the construction of

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		f) Investigate who is responsible for the 'ground water' issues that are affecting properties in some parts of the borough, and what the responsible authority is doing to tackle this on-going problem. g) Safeguard the land either side of Southend Lane around the railway bridge to ensure that there will be scope for development close to the Pool River, which could include the development and/or relocation of Lower Sydenham Rail Station.
A5	Select Committee work programme	
A6	Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet	The Committee made a referral to Mayor and Cabinet at 4.3.