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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Flood and River Related Consultations – Preliminary Results: Response from Mayor and Cabinet	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee ask the Mayor to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ask officers to conduct a communications campaign promoting permeable paving for driveways that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. providing information on the Council website; and ii. a public information campaign to promote permeable paving for driveways to residents b) ask officers to write to local companies who provide permeable paving for driveways to be involved in the public information campaign c) write to TfL and other agencies (as Lewisham is the Lead Local Flood Authority) to consider any potential relocation of Lower Sydenham station to the intersection with Southend Lane, taking into account both the development opportunities this would raise and any flood-risk related issues as a result.
A4	Lewisham Future Programme - Savings Report	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee refer the following to the Public Accounts Select Committee:</p> <p>N4: Provide a mobile, ‘as required’, response service for residential roads instead of traditional ‘beat cased’ sweeper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee was unanimous in their view that accepting this saving proposal would seriously damage the corporate reputation of the Council and the image of the borough in the eyes of its residents and stakeholders. • The Committee was concerned that the public could lose faith in the Council’s ability to run services if the Council was to accept this proposal. • Residents may come to the view that the Council was not able to carry out other basic functions if it was not able to keep the streets clean as well as in the past. • It is important to retain the lessons of the “broken window” philosophy – a situation

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		<p>where minor environmental degradation can escalate if left unaddressed and this would apply on a borough-wide scale should the council stop regular weekly street-sweeping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of a responsive ‘as and when’ service would further damage the perception of the council because residents would always end up phoning to report litter in their street as soon as it appeared. • Littering and fly-tipping is bad enough at present and any untidiness would give offenders greater license for their bad habits. • Residents may start to take less pride in keeping the borough clean themselves. <p>N6: To develop our Trade Waste customer base, improve efficiency and increase income. To negotiate an increased share of income from Parks Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council should be looking at contracts where it is the commercial landlord to increase opportunities to increase income on Trade Waste. • The Council should investigate whether it can enforce a requirement to undertake cleansing in an agreed zone of dispersal for park events. • A ‘catch-them-young’ comprehensive borough-wide anti-litter campaign needs to be introduced to all schools in order to help residents adopt life-long anti-litter habits. <p>P2d: Review of Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) on the way in which the service consults on planning applications. Efficiency savings based on paper, printing and postage costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Council is going to cease delivering planning notices to properties that neighbour planning application sites, improved alternatives should be in place before the change. These should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large, bright notices in the place of the current, small, old-fashioned ‘municipal’ style A4 notices that are currently used.

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		<p>The Council should develop its use of technology to be able to contact residents with a singular 'resident profile' that could be used by services across the Council</p> <p>G2: Income Generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee supported the appointment of a designated commercially experienced officer or officers to develop the Council's income generation strands. <p><u>Therefore, the Select Committee recommends that Public Accounts advise the Mayor of its view that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He should note the comments on N6, P2d and G2 • He should accept saving proposals: N3, N5, and N6 • He should reject the savings proposal N4 • He should accept saving proposals: P2a, P2b, P2c, and P2d. • He should accept the savings proposal G2
A5	Progress of Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Planning	RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.
A6	Modern Roads Review - Report and Recommendations	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>a) The report should be presented to Mayor and Cabinet.</p> <p>b) The recommendations for the review are as follows:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the implementation of the borough-wide 20mph zone be monitored with an emphasis on Council and borough police plans for enforcement and supported with a multi-platform publicity and education programme for residents and drivers. ii. That the Council considers the full range of different cycle-friendly road designs that radically improve the safety and environment for cyclists including, among other sources, the Sustrans 'Cycle Friendly Design Manual: Handbook for cycle-friendly design' and existing working schemes in other London boroughs. iii. That the Council engages with Living Streets to conduct a Community Street Audit in a specific area to improve the environment for cyclists and pedestrians. iv. That officers investigate some of the proposals outlined by Lewisham Cyclists in relation to improving cycling conditions in the borough (6.11-15). v. That the Council facilitates a scheme that offers recycled bikes at a reasonable price to children in the borough. vi. That the Council investigates the possibility of having a similar 'cycle hub and bike hire scheme like LB Croydon's cycle hub and/or Brompton Bike Hire dock. vii. That any future re-design of the A205/Catford Gyratory incorporates the needs of cyclists and pedestrians from the beginning of the process and that that the Mayor pushes TfL and the Council to make a decision on the relocation of the A205 within the next few months.

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		<p>viii. (That the Council) take forward an expansion of the ultra low emissions zone, and look at how air quality issues are viewed in major developments in the borough (e.g. where schools are built in the borough, ensuring they are away from main roads).</p> <p>ix. That the Council reviews policy to increase the planting of street trees with a view to obtaining external funding wherever possible.</p> <p>x. That the Mayor lobbies Transport for London to extend the Cycle Hire Scheme into Lewisham.</p>
A8	Select Committee work programme	<p>The Committee agreed to have the following items at the October meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning obligations/regulations – Update ○ High Streets Review – Report and Recommendations ○ Catford Regeneration Programme Review – Scoping Paper ○ Working Skills Strategy ○ Community Budget: Establishment of a joint committee between Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark ○ Publishing Viability Assessments ○ Annual Parking Report ○ Progress on Pubs and register of assets of community value (this is now an Information Item) ○ Borough-wide 20mph zone implementation (this is now an Information Item)
A9	Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet	<p>The Committee made a referral to Mayor and Cabinet at 3.3 for the Flood and River Related Consultations – Preliminary Results: Response from Mayor and Cabinet. The Committee also made a referral to PAC at 4.3 for the Lewisham Future Programme -</p>

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		Savings Report.