

Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Wednesday, 8 March 2017

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2017	Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting on 24 January be agreed as an accurate record.
A3	Responses from Mayor and Cabinet	<p>Resolved: to refer the Committee's views to Mayor and Cabinet, as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee notes the Mayor of London's response to Select Committee Chairs and welcomes the stated ambition to provide 35% affordable housing in Lewisham's housing zones. However, the Committee asks that officers are clear about the definitions they use for affordable housing in future reports. • The Committee notes that the bid document for the New Bermondsey housing zone only became available to Members after Mayor and Cabinet in February 2017. • The Committee notes that there are many issues that are being explored as part of the independent inquiry into matters relating to New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal. Pending the outcome of the inquiry, the Committee may decide to scrutinise any substantial issues that are not covered in the inquiry report.
A4	Post Office changes	<p>Resolved: that the Committee refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet, as follows-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee notes the Council's decision in February 2017 to oppose the closure of New Cross crown post office and for the same reasons outlined in that decision the Committee opposes the closure of Sydenham crown post office. The Committee believes the loss of skilled jobs, skilled staff and the economic impact on the high street would be a serious blow to the local economy and to consumers. • The Committee asks that the Mayor write to the government minister responsible, and the Chief Executive of the Post Office, about the potential loss of Sydenham crown post office. • The Committee requests that Council officers be tasked with investigating how lease

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		<p>arrangements might be negotiated to retain the crown post office in Sydenham for the benefit of the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of Committee intends to write to Jim Dowd about the potential closure Sydenham crown post office and asks that the Mayor do the same. • The Committee recommends that the Council should request further information from the Post Office about its strategy to preserve the full range of post office services for Lewisham residents.
A5	Sustainable energy	<p>Resolved: to refer the Committee's views to Mayor and Cabinet, as follows-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee commends the work of officers in delivering the Council's sustainable energy ambitions. The Committee believes that the Council should find ways to further publicise its good work in reducing carbon emissions. • The Committee recommends that the Mayor write to his counterparts in the London Boroughs of Bromley, Bexley, Croydon, Greenwich, Lambeth and Southwark to encourage them to work collaboratively with Lewisham in order to access the benefits of the energy company obligation affordable warmth scheme.
A6	Modern roads review update	Resolved: to note the report.
A7	Select Committee work programme	Resolved: to put forward the Committee's suggestions for the work programme to the first meeting of the 2017/18 year.
A8	Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved: that the Committee's views under items three, four and five be referred to Mayor and Cabinet.