

Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Wednesday, 11 September 2019

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2019	Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2019 be agreed as an accurate record.
A4	Budget cuts	<p>Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to the Public Accounts Select Committee as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee is concerned about the negative impact of this cut. As previously stated, it is apprehensive about the progressive deterioration of the cleanliness of Lewisham’s streets - as well as the perception by residents of the Council’s ability to carry out its basic functions. • The Committee wants to know whether a balance can be found between making cuts to the service and maintaining a reasonable quality of provision. It would welcome more detailed information about the potential for a complete reorganisation of the service - as well as the impact of making different levels of cuts on a sliding scale. • The Committee also wants to better understand the types (and cost) of mitigating actions that might be put in place to deal with the impact of this cut. This includes – but is not limited to – the potential for using machinery and other innovations for responsive cleansing. • The Committee believes that further proactive, coordinated and robust support should be provided by the Council’s communications team to make Lewisham residents aware of the reasons for making cuts. Moreover, Members believe that there should be a wider campaign by the Council to encourage civic pride in Lewisham (with the concurrent ambition of encouraging people to take pride in the cleanliness of their streets). It believes that this should incorporate support for schools to encourage and engage children and young people. This campaign could also include work to encourage take away and fast food operations to keep the areas near their shops

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		<p>tidy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In summary, the Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet should give further detailed consideration to the issues raised in this referral in advance of implementing this cut.
A5	The future management and maintenance of parks and open spaces	<p>Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Committee agrees the recommendation to Mayor and Cabinet. • The Committee also recommends that Mayor and Cabinet should formally resolve to consider the future options for the development of a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCO).
A6	Economy and partnerships	<p>Resolved: The Committee recommended that funding should be made available from borough wide community infrastructure levy funding for an employment training and business support programme.</p>