

**Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Tuesday, 15 September 2020**

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<b>Part A – Items considered in public</b>		
<b>A1</b>	Confirmation of the Chair and Vice-Chair	Resolved: that Councillor Liam Curran be Chair of the Committee and that Councillor Louise Krupski be Vice-Chair.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020	Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.
<b>A3</b>	Declarations of interest	Resolved: that declarations from Councillors be noted.
<b>A4</b>	Responses from Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved: that the response from Mayor and Cabinet be noted.
<b>A5</b>	Railway Children urban national park': neighbourhood plans and environmental protection	<p>Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows –</p> <p>Recommendation 1: Hither Green sidings SINC case study</p> <p>1.1. The Committee recommends that the Council should update 2015/2016 site of importance for nature conservation (SINC) review with a biodiversity action plan to include the priority habitats of wet-woodland for Hither Green Sidings SINC in time for its inclusion in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Recommendation 2. Woodland and area tree protection orders</p> <p>1.2. The Committee recommends putting in place a woodland TPO in the enclosed area inside the Nature Reserve *(this a privately owned site in the south east corner of the nature reserve adjoining Railway Children Walk)*, to ensure the many saplings and young trees are given a chance to succeed into a mature woodland; and an area TPO on the triangular site behind the Ringway Centre to protect the established trees amongst the mosaic scrubland, to avoid the extinction of habitats and species across Grove Park Nature Reserve SINC as well as – especially in their subsequent recording</p>

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		<p>in the Local Plan – making it clear that ecological lapses will not be tolerated and underlining the strength of the ecological corridor and its role in establishing an Urban National Park.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: Protection of ecological corridor along railway line from South Circular to Chinbrook Meadows and the borough boundary</p> <p>1.3. The Committee recommends that a survey for the implementation of a Site of Metropolitan Importance (SMI) be carried out along the entire corridor to protect wet woodland, chalk grassland, rivers, ponds and ancient woodland and all other green sites.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: Delay in the Grove Park Neighbourhood Plan examination date.</p> <p>1.4. The Committee recommends that the Council should agree re-designation immediately and set date for examination for the Grove Park Neighbourhood Plan to gain material weight.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Catford Town Centre regeneration	<p>Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows –</p> <p>1.5. The Committee endorses the recommendations in both reports to Mayor and Cabinet.</p> <p>1.6. The Committee commends the work of officers in securing good growth funding for the Catford station links programme and it acknowledges the the quality of projects that have been devised.</p> <p>1.7. The Committee recommends that there should be a strategy for the long term regeneration of the Broadway theatre – incorporating proposals for National Lottery heritage funding.</p> <p>1.8. The Committee asks that the management structure of the Catford programme (with</p>

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		information about roles and responsibilities) should be made available.
<b>A7</b>	Financial stabilisation - budget update and medium term plan	Resolved: that the report be noted.
<b>A8</b>	Select Committee work programme	Resolved: that following a vote regarding the content of the November meeting – in which two councillors were in favour of adding an item on emergency planning to the agenda and two councillors were in favour of adding an item on the Council’s support for businesses disrupted by the pandemic – an item on business support be added to the November meeting (the vote being carried by the casting vote of the Chair) and that the work programme for the year be agreed (subject to prioritisation and amendment during the course of the year).