

**Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Thursday, 14 January 2021**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020	Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.
<b>A3</b>	Responses from Mayor and Cabinet	Resolved: that the response from Mayor and Cabinet be noted.
<b>A4</b>	Climate Emergency Action Plan	Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows – The Committee recommends that the Council puts on its website a climate emergency page, which contains a guide for residents on how to live more sustainably. This would be the most direct practical and visible way of engaging with residents and businesses, therefore leading by example.
<b>A5</b>	Bell Green and Lower Sydenham vision study	Resolved: that the report be noted.
<b>A6</b>	Budget cuts	Resolved: that the Committee would refer its views to the Public Accounts Select Committee (for submission to Mayor and Cabinet) as follows – refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better contract management is key to a number of the cuts proposals. The Committee believes that Mayor and Cabinet should assure itself that through good organisational development and training for senior, mid and junior managers, the Council is able to effectively manage contracts at every stage of the cycle and attain the cost savings as proposed.</li> <li>• The Committee recommends that Mayor and Cabinet asks officers to carry out a review of the Council’s online services (particularly those provided by third parties, such as online parking facilities) ensuring a good user experience and quality integration with existing systems.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In relation to proposal F22 (Motorcycle parking charges) – the Committee recommends that, if Mayor and Cabinet is minded to agree the proposal to introduce charging for motorcycles, the Council should work with other enforcement partners to ensure those who are illegally parking on the pavement also have enforcement action taken upon them.</li> <li>• In relation to proposal F20 (Emission based charging for short stay parking) - the Committee recommends that the Council should move to a cashless parking system as soon as possible. Members of the Committee believe that £400K is too much to spend on upgrading pay and display machines. The Committee also believes that any reference in the budget cuts report to re-investment of parking charges in transport improvements should be removed – because the reality is that the Council will be using the money to support transport costs already contained within the general fund.</li> <li>• The Committee understands that a large cut needs to be made in waste management and street cleaning and that a comprehensive review will be done to enable this to happen in the most efficient way possible. However, it regrets that this will mean redundancies amongst the Council’s lowest paid workers and it highlights that this has been imposed upon us due to Government austerity. The Committee believes that any cuts to staffing must be done with sensitivity and care. The Committee welcomes Mayor and Cabinet’s response to its previous referral on staffing cuts, flexible working and redeployment and it reiterates the importance of supporting and redeploying staff wherever possible.</li> </ul>