

Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Wednesday, 30 November 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2022	that subject to the inclusion of Cllr Ingleby as a meeting attendee – the minutes be agreed as an accurate record.
A4	Budget reductions report	<p>that the Committee would refer its views to the Public Accounts Select Committee as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the Housing Regeneration and Public Realm savings proposals for income generation (for bulky waste, fridge/freezer collection, and mattresses) Committee members were concerned about the potential impact of the increased charges on household budgets, particularly given the recent increases in the cost of living. The Committee recommended that, if feasible, work should take place to review the effect of the changes on household budgets over time. • The Committee was also concerned about potential increases in littering and fly-tipping. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that additional emphasis, and (where feasible) increased publicity, should be placed on the Council’s enforcement processes and the options for the legal disposal of waste. • The Committee is concerned about the proposed reduction in opening hours at libraries (COM_SAV_08) particularly in relation to the Council’s offer of ‘warm welcomes’ to households and vulnerable individuals experiencing fuel poverty. • The Committee recommends that careful consideration should be given to any future proposals for income generation in the borough’s parks and open spaces.
A5	Sustainable transport and parking improvements	the Committee recommended that (should the proposals be agreed) – work should take place to link up the improvements with other streetscape and active travel projects in a strategic way. Members believe this should take account of potential future funding (including projects funded by the local implementation plan); the Committee also recommend that partners (including TfL, dockless bike companies and neighbouring boroughs) should be encouraged to link in with the active travel improvements where possible. In addition, the Committee would welcome improved signage around railway stations in order to encourage walking and other forms of active travel.

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