

Decisions taken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Tuesday, 12 September 2023

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2023	That the minutes of the meeting on 19 June be agreed as an accurate record.
A4	Air quality action plan	<p>That the report be noted. It was also agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee would support the increased enforcement of anti-idling measures. • That information would be provided on the number of penalty charge notices issued for idling. Members would also welcome additional efforts with businesses to improve signage (particularly at supermarkets and train stations) • More information would be provided on plans to increase the availability of electrical points for vendors in parks (and that in future reports the effect on air quality should be considered). • That additional data would be provided on the impact of modal filters on air quality (e.g., on Bishopsthorpe and Silverdale Road) • That active travel should be prioritised, and that further funding should be sought for the implementation of new cycle hangars (not requiring public contributions) • More information would be provided on the outcome of air quality audits for schools; • That members would welcome further work on the interoperability of data on the Council website to enable comparison with neighbouring boroughs.
A5	Levelling Up Fund update	<p>That the report be noted. It was also agreed that the Committee would share its views with Mayor and Cabinet – as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommends that further consideration be given to the development of the night-time offer in Lewisham Town Centre – including food and beverage options, as well as the potential for live music. This should build on existing knowledge and experiences of success elsewhere in London. • The Committee believes that further work should take place with young people, people who are disabled and members of groups with other protected characteristics (as defined in the Equality Act 2010) – as well as a cross section of people from different

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		<p>socio-economic backgrounds to co-design the work taking place – particularly in relation to the accessibility and suitability of public spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommends that further work should take place to communicate, to residents and business, the alternative arrangements in place following the temporary closure of Lewisham Library. • The Committee believes that a system of impact measurement should be developed to ensure that the redevelopment is meeting its intended objectives. Members ask that this includes an assessment of the availability of workspaces in the refurbished library for students. • The Committee notes the Council’s objective to make the borough carbon neutral by 2023 – and it encourages the ambitious delivery of energy efficiency and retrofit measures as part of the renovation of Lewisham Library¹. Members would encourage bids for external funding to enhance this work.
A6	Sustainable Streets	<p>That the report be noted. It was also agreed that the Committee would refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee reiterates the recommendations it made at its meeting on 19 June 2023 and requests that officers provide a comprehensive response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that further information (and timelines) be provided on the implementation of cycle hangars, parklets and improvements to the transparency of communication around waiting lists for cycle parking. • that priority should be given to enforcing contraventions in areas with existing

¹ The Committee expects retrofitting measures to be in line with best practice – including the most recent PAS standards for whole building retrofit (rather than isolated improvements).

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		<p>parking controls – particularly in the case of protected junctions, cycle lanes and anti-social pavement parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Committee would welcome further improvements and enlargement of protected space for active travel. • that the maps being used in the consultation should be updated with the current ward boundaries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee also recommends that Councillors (particularly those in wards impacted by the programme) be engaged at an early stage of the development of proposals – and kept up to date as consultations are carried out. The Committee believes that lessons from each stage of the consultation should be learnt in order to improve the following stages. Members also believe that further consideration should be given to engaging more effectively with the views and concerns of underrepresented groups. • The Committee recommends that consideration should be given to how best the advantages and benefits of active travel improvements (including new electric vehicle infrastructure, improved green spaces and cycle parking) can be communicated and enjoyed. Members believe that this should happen at an early stage of engagement with residents, in order to balance concerns regarding the potential perceived negative impacts, such as parking charges. Furthermore, the Committee believes that the improvements being delivered through the sustainable streets programme should be aligned with the Council’s broader ambitions for active travel.