



## Mayor and Cabinet

### Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the sustainable streets programme

**Date:** 1 November 2023.

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1.

**Ward(s) affected:** All (none specific)

**Contributor:** Sustainable Development Select Committee

### Outline and recommendations

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions on the sustainable streets programme.

Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. On Tuesday 12 September, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report from officers on the sustainable streets programme ([link to the agenda](#)) The Committee reflected on the contents of the report – and received a presentation from officers. Following questions to officers, the Committee agreed to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

## 3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1. The Committee reiterates the recommendations it made at its meeting on 19 June 2023 and requests that officers provide a comprehensive response:
  - 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 parking controls – particularly in the case of protected junctions, cycle lanes and anti-social pavement parking.
  - 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.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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.

#### **4. Financial implications**

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there may be implications arising from their implementation of the Committee's recommendations. These will need to be considered as part of the response.

#### **5. Legal implications**

- 5.1. The Constitution provides for select committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

#### **6. Equalities implications**

- 6.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

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- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

6.3. There are no direct equalities implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **7. Climate change and environmental implications**

7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report. However, in February 2019 Lewisham Council declared a Climate Emergency and proposed a target to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. The declaration tasked the Sustainable Development Committee with scrutinising the Council's emerging plans.

## **8. Crime and disorder implications**

8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **9. Health and wellbeing implications**

9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

## **10. Report author and contact**

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