

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Regeneration Strategy for Lewisham - matter referred by the Sustainable Development Select Committee – comments on draft document	
Key Decision		Item No. 4 - Annex
Ward		
Contributors	Sustainable Development Select Committee	
Class	Open	Date: 2 May 2007

1 Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the feedback and comments on the draft document 'People, Prosperity and Place: Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2007-2020'.

2 Purpose of the Report

To inform the Mayor of the feedback and comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee from their consideration of the draft document 'People, Prosperity and Place: Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2007-2020' made at the select committee meeting held on the 17 April 2007.

3 Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- (i) note the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee set out in section 4 as below
- (ii) agree that the Executive Director for Regeneration be asked to advise accordingly in relation to responding to the issues as indicated below.

4. Sustainable Development Select Committee Views

On 17 April 2007, the Sustainable Development Select Committee reviewed the draft document: 'People, Prosperity and Place: Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2007-2020' and provided the following feedback and comments for the Mayor to consider:

- i. The Select Committee welcomes the scope and breadth of definition of regeneration included in the draft strategy and notes that there are obvious signifiers of regeneration made with health and leisure, education and young people, social inclusion, creative and cultural industries and business enterprise, as well as how regeneration is understood in conjunction with planning and the physical environment.
- ii. The Select Committee commented that the strategy needs to clearly direct the reader to the delivery plan, which will describe in detail what will be done, how and when, to implement the aims in the strategy. It is suggested that a link paragraph be added at the end of the document referring to the delivery plan.
- iii. The Select Committee recommends the section on transport in the draft strategy is made more explicit and is given more weight, with particular reference to the need for an integrated approach to transport.

The section of the draft strategy on page 32 entitled “An accessible environment” should clearly state that it is about transport. It was felt the current draft concerning transport and accessibility is a light chapter that needed bolstering, with greater emphasis on cycling and walking. People in Lewisham frequently have to use two or more modes of transport and therefore it is absolutely necessary for an integrated approach to transport planning. The council has a role in promoting the integration of transport with other organizations and there is a need to further emphasize in the strategy the council’s lobbying role, for example to influence rail and track operators.

- iv. The Select Committee recommends that a summary document of the strategy should be produced, and that the summary be included in the public consultation of the draft regeneration strategy.
- v. The Select Committee recommends the need for the regeneration strategy to be more explicit about the links with energy, climate change and the need for reductions in carbon emissions, as this is implied in the text and ought to be made more clearly. The importance of these matters should be apparent throughout the regeneration strategy rather than in a separate chapter which might become remote or marginalized from the wider agenda.

- vi. The Select Committee commented that the draft strategy ought to highlight unique considerations for Lewisham and to place it within a London context, and for the strategy to be clear about who it is aimed at in terms of the wide, prospective audience.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report, however subsequent financial implications arising from the recommendations of the select committee will be reported in the response of the relevant Executive Director(s) to Mayor and Cabinet.

6. Legal Implications

The Constitution provides for the Select Committees to report to the Mayor and Cabinet and for the Executive to consider the report within one month of receiving it.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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