

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Response to Recommendations of Sustainable Development Select Committee on Catford Regeneration Programme	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	Catford South and Rushey Green	
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration	
<b>Class</b>	Open	Date: 19 October 2016

**1. Purpose:**

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the referral made by the Sustainable Development Select Committee arising from their review of an officer report to the Select Committee on the Catford Regeneration Programme.

**2. Recommendations:**

The Mayor is asked to:

- 2.1 Approve the officer response to the referral by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford Regeneration Programme, and
- 2.2 Agree that this report should be forwarded to the Select Committee.

**3. Background:**

- 3.1 On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the latest update on the Catford Regeneration Programme. The update was part of an agreed quarterly reporting on the progress of the programme to the Select Committee. The meeting was attended by the Mayor on the invitation of the Select Committee.

- 3.2 Having considered the report, the Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following and asked the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to respond. The Select Committee's comments and the Executive Director's responses are set out below.

- 3.2.1 *The Committee recognises the energy and enthusiasm that is shown for the development of Catford and it hopes that this will result in decisive action to move the Catford programme forward. The Committee remains concerned that the programme is piecemeal and lacks a genuine central vision of how the town centre will look, a cohesive approach or a single person driving the project on a daily basis. Added to the concern is the sense of rush to drive the project through.*

Officer Response: There is a strong vision for what the Council wants to achieve in Catford as its civic hub; excellent quality new homes and affordable housing in line with our Housing Zone status, a revitalised town centre with an improved retail and leisure offer, centred on a new civic heart and an invigorated Broadway Theatre. Careful consideration is therefore being taken to ensure a sustainable and deliverable vision is properly planned and consulted on. Work is now beginning on what this vision will actually look like on a drawn plan. Officers from both the capital programme delivery team and the planning policy team are beginning a process to properly masterplan Catford Town Centre, and will be involving Members and the public in creating this vision, through a number of consultation events.

The regeneration of Catford is akin to many other large area regeneration programmes in that it is complex and involves various departments, agencies and partners. A Catford Programme Board made up of Executive Directors and other senior officers has been formed to provide officer leadership for the programme, and a Working Group of cross-departmental officers is currently being formed. Current day-to-day responsibility for the delivery of the programme rests with Kplom Lotsu the Service Group Manager for Capital Programmes pending the appointment of the new Head of Regeneration and Place. Additional officer resource has also been deployed to the programme from both the Capital Programme Delivery and Planning teams.

3.2.2 *The Committee requests a timetable for the programme with all dates of key decisions and deadlines for delivery.*

Officers Response: A timetable for the next 12 months, showing key planned events, outcomes and decisions, will be provided at the Mayor & Cabinet update on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016. A longer term indicative programme for the whole regeneration scheme will also be provided both will be made available to the committee.

3.2.3 *The Committee requests a copy of the decision-making structure of the programme including all the elements of planning, regeneration and the allotted Housing Action Zone/GLA membership of the Catford programme board.*

Officer Response: A structure chart showing all the different elements of the Catford team, and membership of the Board and Working Group, will be provided as part of the Mayor & Cabinet update on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and copies made available to the Select Committee.

3.2.4 *The Committee asks that it be provided with an update on the delivery of the new 'vision' document for Catford.*

Officer Response: A 'vision document', or Masterplan, for Catford, will only begin to be produced in parallel to the series of consultation events mentioned above. The Council's Planning Department has allocated some urban design resource to undertake an initial urban framework exercise, which will then inform a specification to request architects to tender for a formal master-planning exercise.

- 3.2.5 *The Committee wants to understand how members of the public will have meaningful involvement in the decision-making about the design and look of Catford. The Committee asks for specific examples of how local residents' views will genuinely affect the development of plans for the town centre.*

Officer Response: Members of the public will be invited to attend at least one of the 'visioning' workshops currently being planned. Here they will be able to feedback to officers as to what they like/don't like about Catford, what changes they want to see, what things they would like to keep, and what things they would like to go. They will be able to tell officers what their priorities for Catford are, and share their concerns. All their feedback will help to inform the creation of the Masterplan. Following the Masterplanning exercise, any planning applications coming forward for development will be consulted on, following statutory consultation procedures, and residents will be invited to comment accordingly. Their comments will have a direct impact on the planning permissions granted.

- 3.2.6 *The Committee notes a hiatus on the lottery bid and renovation work on the Broadway Theatre and requests an update on the programme of work being carried out at the Broadway Theatre, which includes full details of the resources being allocated to carry out proposed works.*

Officer Response: A programme of minor works is currently being drawn up. Once costs are ascertained the coming weeks, resource will be allocated to undertake them. Major works are intended to be dealt with as part of the planned Heritage Enterprise lottery bid and longer term plans for the Theatre.

#### **4. Financial Implications:**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response.

#### **5. Legal Implications:**

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's Constitution provides that the Executive may respond to reports and recommendations by the Select Committee.

#### **6. Crime and Disorder Implications:**

- 6.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this response.

#### **7. Equalities Implications:**

- 7.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this response.

#### **8. Environmental Implications:**

- 8.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this response.

## List of Background documents

Short Title Of Document	Date	Contact
Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford programme	Sept 2016	Tim Andrew
Catford Regeneration Programme - Update	Sept 2016	Kplom Lotsu

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