

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the implementation of the work and skills strategy	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the work and skills strategy.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the select committee as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Community Services to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 24 January 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on progress towards achieving the aims of the work and skills strategy 2016-18.
- 3.2 The committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee congratulates officers on the work being done to implement the work and skills strategy with particular reference to the Pathways to employment programme.
 - The Committee notes that the focus of the implementation at present is partnership working at an officer level. The Committee recommends further political leadership and increased involvement at a councillor level to lobby government on the broader issues surrounding access to work and skills.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

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. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Report to the Sustainable Development Select Committee on work and skills:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s47588/04%20Work%20and%20skills%20strategy%20update%20240117.pdf>

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