

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Response to Sustainable Development Committee - Catford Regeneration	Item No	
Contributors	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration		
Class	Part 1	Date	10 May 2017

1. Purpose of paper:

- 1.1 At its meeting on 24th January 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee held discussions on the Catford Regeneration Programme update report and resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views.
- 1.2 Mayor and Cabinet was advised of the views of Sustainable Development Select Committee on 8th February 2017 and a response was requested from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the issues raised. This paper sets out the response.

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. Referral from Sustainable Development Select Committee:

- 3.1 At its meeting on 24th January 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the latest update on the Catford Regeneration Programme and resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views.
- 3.2 Mayor and Cabinet considered the referral from SDSC on 8th February and asked the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response. The Committee's views together with the Executive Director's responses are set out in the following section.

3.2.1 The Committee recommends that the Council produces a communications plan, which details the timetable for consultation with local people and other key stakeholders. The plan should also include regular opportunities for engagement with councillors.

Response: An engagement strategy for the regeneration programme currently exists in draft form. It aims to create a framework to provide clear,

meaningful, two-way dialogue to engage with residents and communicate the Council's objectives and understand peoples' aspirations for Catford.

Although still in draft form, phase 1 of the strategy was launched in March 2017 with the online platform Commonplace – a tool for collecting information and engaging in community dialogue. Early engagement is also taking place with local ward Councillors as part of this phase. Phase 2 will be launched in May 2017 with planned face-to-face engagement with various stakeholders including, members, residents, shoppers, community/amenity groups, commuters, children and young people.

- 3.2.2 The Committee recommends that officers produce a 3-5 year plan outlining anticipated dates for key decisions relating to Catford. The Committee asks that this be made freely available and updated regularly.

Response: *The current phase of the Catford Regeneration Programme is expected to result in the production of a masterplan for the programme. A number of key decisions are necessary to enable the production of a robust masterplan for Catford. These are related to: the realignment of the South Circular (A205); approval of masterplanning brief; and approval of the masterplan once completed. Details related to the nature and timing of any decision related to these will be published in the usual manner in accordance with the Council's constitution.*

- 3.2.3 The Committee recommends that, prior to each key decision, the Sustainable Development Select Committee has the opportunity to comment on and review plans as they progress.

Response: *Officers welcome the ongoing input of the Select Committee through the regular quarterly review of the programme. Officers also intend to provide pre-decision scrutiny opportunities to the Select Committee on all key decisions during this phase of the programme.*

- 3.2.4 The Committee believes that before each key decision is taken options should be considered for: safe cycling and pedestrian provision; the proposed scale of any intended development and; the future viability of the Broadway Theatre.

Response: *Officers agree with the Committee and recognise the importance of considering options for safe cycling and pedestrian provision, and this factor will be considered prior to the key decision on the realignment of the A205. The proposed scale of intended development and the future viability of the Broadway Theatre are also recognised as very important factors and will be considered as part of the key decision to approve the Masterplan Brief.*

3.2.5 The Committee has concerns about the height density and massing of potential buildings in Catford and is keen to review any proposals before key decisions are made.

Response: The height, density and massing of any development in the borough is determined by planning policy, and any applications for development will follow the usual planning and statutory consultation processes. In addition, officers are in the process of preparing a masterplan for the town centre which will involve engagement and communication with members, local residents and stakeholders, to create a high quality, well designed scheme that meets the council's regeneration objectives for the town centre.

3.2.6 The Committee will closely follow the development of options for the realignment of the A205. The Committee intends to use its influence to encourage TfL to prioritise funding for the scheme.

Response: Officers welcome the support of the Select Committee in helping influence TfL to prioritise funding for the realignment of the South Circular.

3.2.7 The Committee believes that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists as well as the provision of segregated cycling lanes should be central to the consideration of all options for the realignment of the A205.

Response: Officers agree that safety for pedestrians and cyclists is of paramount importance. The Council is lobbying for cycle-superhighway provision on the A21, and as part of this we would argue for high-quality segregated cycle provision on the A205 approaches.

3.2.8 The Committee recommends that, in assessing options for the future of the A205, due regard should be given to the impact of air quality on public health.

Response: Improving air quality is a high priority for the Council, and as such is included in the assessment of options for the A205. Air Quality is also a priority for the Mayor of London, who from 2020 is proposing an Ultra-Low Emission Zone inside the north and south circular.

4. Financial Implications:

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the actions proposed by the Select 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 implementing some of the recommendations of the Select Committee.

List of Background documents

Short title of document	Date	Contact
Catford Regeneration Programme - Update (SDSC)	Jan 2017	Kplom Lotsu
Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford programme (M&C)	Feb 2017	Kplom Lotsu

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