

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Beckenham Place Park	
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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 an officer report on Beckenham Place Park.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the Committee's comments as set out in this report and to ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Thursday 20 April 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report about Beckenham Place Park. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee welcomes the ambitious plans for the future redevelopment the park and it also welcomes the greater opening up of the park to the local community.
- 3.3 The Committee requests the financial management plans for the project, including the projections for the annual running costs for the park once the project is complete, be made available for scrutiny.
- 3.4 The Committee notes the potential for large overruns on major regeneration schemes and recommends that Mayor and Cabinet seek assurance that there is tight financial management of the project.
- 3.5 The Committee expresses concern over the five year wait regarding plans for the long term future of the mansion house. It would welcome the publication of the advice from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which has informed the development of the current approach.
- 3.6 The Committee recommends that a management plan for dealing with large crowd events be published and implemented.
- 3.7 The Committee believes that that management plans for the park should include the requirement to recoup the cost of staging large events from promoters.

3.8 The Committee recommends that any plans for events or activities held in the park, for which there will be charges, are priced so that there is a reduced cost for residents of Lewisham.

4. Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be 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

Sustainable Development Select Committee agenda, 20 April 2017:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=4634&Ver=4>

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