

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Lewisham's vision for rail	
Contributor	Sustainable Development Select Committee	
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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 Lewisham's vision for rail.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee's comments as set out in this report and provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Thursday 22 March 2018, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on Lewisham's vision for rail.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee welcomes the newly developed vision for rail, however it would like to see lobbying for the extension of the Bakerloo line to Hayes become a priority for the Council.
 - The Committee recommends that considerations about accessibility be broadened to include a wider range of issues, not just step free access (including braille signage and support for people with cognitive impairments). The Committee also recommends that support for the provision of accessible public toilets at stations be included in the vision.
 - The Committee welcomes the ambition to improve Lewisham's stations but it recommends that officers be tasked with undertaking a station by station analysis of options for land that could be safeguarded for future public transport, cycling and pedestrian access routes.
 - The Committee recommends that the previously considered proposal for the relocation of Lower Sydenham station (north of its current location) be included in the vision for rail.
 - The Committee supports the potential transfer of services from rail operators to TfL and recommends that this be included in Lewisham's vision for rail.
 - The Committee recommends that further thought be given to the impact of changes to rail services on different socio-economic groups in the borough, and it recommends that consideration given to affordable options for Lewisham residents to access their places of work when changes are being proposed.

- The Committee believes that reference should be made in the vision to the night time economy in the borough, including both the benefits to the economy and the importance of cultural activities.
- The Committee would welcome further information about timelines and potential dates for action and implementation to be included in the vision.

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, 22 March 2018:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8bykl5l>

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