

<b>Mayor and Cabinet</b>		
<b>Title</b>	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the planning annual monitoring report	
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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 about the planning service annual monitoring report.

## **2. Recommendation**

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

## **3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views**

- 3.1 On Monday 4 March, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on the planning services' annual monitoring report.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee would welcome a short, visual, two page summary of the annual monitoring report in future editions. It asks that this include key performance indicators for the service that can be widely understood.
  - The Committee believes that allocation for self-build sites should be included in the five year housing land supply.
  - The Committee requests that additional information be provided about the number of lawful development certificates issued by the Council, including a disaggregation by type.
  - The Committee also requests that further analysis and benchmarking (with other authorities) of enforcement notices and cases be carried out.
  - The Committee recommends that a review should be undertaken of the resources currently allocated to planning enforcement and building control.
  - The Committee also recommends that the relevant cabinet member should meet with building control, the planning service and planning enforcement to identify what changes to national definitions and regulations would be needed to improve the statutory powers of these teams in order to ensure better standards and compliance in future.
  - The Committee is concerned about the loss of employment space in Lewisham and it urges the Council to consider the potential impact of the borough becoming a purely residential location.

- The Committee plans to scrutinise the implementation of the 'building the local economy' priority in the corporate strategy. It intends to invite the cabinet member to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.

#### **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, 4 March 2019:

**<https://tinyurl.com/sdsc040319>**

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