

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on responses to its referrals on fire safety and preserving Lewisham's pubs	
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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 responses from Mayor and Cabinet to committee referrals on fire safety and preserving Lewisham's pubs.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Thursday 4 July 2019, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered responses from Mayor and Cabinet to its referrals on fire safety and preserving Lewisham's pubs.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee is concerned about the increasing list of new materials and construction techniques which are being identified as a potential risk for fire safety – specifically high pressure laminate (HPL) and the inclusion of wooden balconies on high rise buildings. The Committee asks for confirmation that due care and consideration is being given to the potential use of these materials in Lewisham's housing stock.
 - The Committee believes that Lewisham's pubs are at risk. It has identified an opportunity to increase protection for local pubs through the development of the new local plan. Contrary to the strength of feeling in the Committee about this issue, councillors are not reassured that their comments on preserving Lewisham's pubs have been given full and thorough consideration. The Committee asks that Mayor and Cabinet direct officers to provide a detailed response to the Committee's recommendations on preserving Lewisham's pubs. This should define the actions that have been taken. Furthermore, it reiterates its view that the protection of Lewisham's pubs should be championed through planning policy and fully incorporated into the new local plan.

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 July 2019:

<https://tinyurl.com/sdsc040719>

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