



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on cycling

Date: 15 January 2020.

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: All.

Contributors: Sustainable Development Select Committee

Outline and recommendations

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions on cycling in Lewisham.

Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

1. Summary

- 1.1. On Wednesday 4 December 2019, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report from officers on cycling (the agenda for that meeting can be viewed online here: [link to the agenda and reports for the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee on 4 December 2019](#)) The Committee reflected on the contents of the report – and received a presentation from officers. Following questions to officers, the Committee agreed to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet is asked to consider the Committee's comments and ask the relevant officers to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1. The Committee believes that the Council should be at the forefront of the London approach to the management of dockless bikes – it recommends that officers should investigate options for the management of dockless bikes that would work best for Lewisham.
- 3.2. The Committee is concerned about the imbalance of cycling schemes for the north and the south of the borough. It recommends that further consideration should be given to the equal distribution of schemes across the borough.
- 3.3. The Committee also recommends that:
- options should be explored for the development of a borough-wide campaign supporting the A21 cycling corridor.
 - options should be considered for the commissioning of feasibility work in and around Deptford for improvements to the cycling and pedestrian environment (to link with the completion of works for the Thames Tideway Tunnel).
 - work should be expedited in Catford Town Centre for the protection of cyclists – and in particular across and under the two railway bridges. The Committee believes that this work should progress in advance of other work to develop the town centre.
 - officers should investigate the potential use of the Commonplace platform to identify locations for the installation of cycle hangars. The Committee also supports further work to ensure that spaces in cycle hangars are prioritised for people without space to store bikes at home.
 - officers responsible for cycling and those working on neighbourhood community infrastructure levy spending should work together to determine whether there are options for using NCIL on the installation of cycle hangars in areas of recognised demand but insufficient identified funding.
 - further options should be explored for enabling the safe use of cycle routes at night. It believes that this should include consideration of options for reflective 'cats eyes' in dimly lit areas. The Committee also believes that the

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routine for closing park gates at night should be reviewed to enable cyclists access through principal routes until as late in the evenings as is feasible.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. However, there may be implications arising from their implementation of the Committee's recommendations. These will need to be considered as part of the response.

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. Equalities implications

- 6.1. The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- 6.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 6.3. There may be equalities implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

- 7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be climate change and environmental implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

8. Crime and disorder implications

- 8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's

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recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

9. Health and wellbeing implications

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. There may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations – these will need to be considered in the response.

10. Report author and contact

- 10.1. If you have any questions about this report then please contact: Timothy Andrew (Scrutiny Manager) 020 8314 7916 – timothy.andrew@lewisham.gov.uk

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