



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the climate emergency action plan

Date: 3 February 2021.

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1.

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributor: 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 the development of the climate emergency action plan.

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

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

In February 2019 Lewisham councillors agreed a motion to declare a 'Climate Emergency' and asked Mayor and Cabinet to adopt an action plan by the end of 2019/20 with the aim of making the borough carbon neutral by 2030 ([link to the Council motion declaring a climate emergency](#)).

Sustainable Development Select Committee scrutinised the development of the plan (and referred its views to Mayor and Cabinet) in January 2020 ([link to the agenda for Sustainable Development Select Committee on 21 January 2020](#)).

Mayor and Cabinet agreed Lewisham's Climate Emergency Action Plan on 11 March 2020 ([link to the report to Mayor and Cabinet on 11 March 2020](#)).

Mayor and Cabinet is scheduled to review an update on the Climate Emergency Action Plan on 10 March 2021.

1. Summary

- 1.1. On Thursday 14 January 2021, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report from officers on the climate emergency action plan ([link to the agenda for Sustainable Development Select Committee on 14 January 2021](#)) 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 recommends that the Council puts on its website a climate emergency page, which contains a guide for residents on how to live more sustainably. This would be the most direct practical and visible way of engaging with residents and businesses, therefore leading by example.

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 them 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 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. In summary, 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.

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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 will 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 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

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