



Sustainable Development Select Committee

End of administration work programme report

Date: 17 February 2022

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: none specific

Contributor: Assistant Chief Executive

Outline and recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- note the completed work programme for 2021-22 (appendix B)
- reflect on the work programmes for the previous years of the administration (appendix B)
- note the four strategic themes of the borough's recovery plan: 'Future Lewisham' and the Council's corporate priorities for 2018-22
- put forward suggestions for the draft 2022-23 work programme

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

There were 22 meetings of the select committee in the years 2018-22. At each meeting, the Committee discussed, prioritised and agreed the work programme for subsequent meetings.

1. Summary

- 1.1. Local government elections are due to take place in May 2022. This meeting of the Sustainable Development Select Committee is the final scheduled meeting of the municipal year 2021-22 and as such it is also the last of the 2018-22 administration.
- 1.2. Members are asked to note the work that has been completed over the course of the administration – and put forward suggestions for members of the incoming committee in the new administration (2022-26).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to note the completed work programme for 2021-22 – in addition to the completed work programmes in the preceding years – and put forward suggestions for the draft 2022-23 programme.

3. Policy context

- 3.1. The [Corporate Strategy for 2018-2022](#): set out these priorities:
- [Open Lewisham](#) - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all, where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
 - [Tackling the housing crisis](#) - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.
 - [Giving children and young people the best start in life](#) - Every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education, and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
 - [Building an inclusive local economy](#) - Everyone can access high-quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
 - [Delivering and defending: health, social care and support](#) - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
 - [Making Lewisham greener](#) - Everyone enjoys our green spaces, and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
 - [Building safer communities](#) - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.
- 3.2. The Committee should also note and take into account the four strategic themes of the borough's Covid-19 recovery plan, 'Future Lewisham':

3.3. An economically sound future

We are working to get the borough back in business, with a future where everyone has the jobs and skills they need to get the best that London has to offer.

We are a borough with businesses that are adaptable and prepared for change, a thriving local economy that sees 'local' as the first and best choice, with digital inclusion at the heart of our plans. We do all we can to support residents into jobs that pay fairly and provide families with the opportunities and security they deserve.

3.4. A healthy and well future

Good health and wellbeing should be something we can all depend on, something that is equally accessible to everyone.

We know this is much wider than 'medicine' and the NHS. Our health and well-being is also dependent on our housing, the air we breathe, our support networks and more. We will make sure to pay as much attention and invest as much effort into improving these wider factors and taking action on inequality at every turn. Rectifying health inequalities and developing good mental health & wellbeing for everyone drives what we do.

3.5. A greener future

Our next steps will be our greenest yet, continuing our efforts to preserve our climate for future generations and ensuring everyone can enjoy the place we call home.

We will capture and build on the best of what we saw from the increase in walking and cycling locally, and all the other ways our environment benefitted from behaviour changes over the last year. We will nurture and protect the place we call home so that we can continue to appreciate its benefits for generations to come.

3.6. A future we all have a part in

We work together as one borough, within our communities and identities, to harness the power of volunteering and community spirit that has helped get us through the last year.

We will work alongside our strongest asset – our community – to strengthen and enhance our borough for everyone. We achieve more together and being connected and taking an active role in our borough benefits us all. Our year as Borough of Culture 2022 will be Lewisham's best year yet, celebrating our fantastic part of London and providing opportunities for everyone to connect and get involved in our local community.

4. Sustainable Development Select Committee 2018-22

- 4.1. There were 22 formal Committee meetings in the years 2018-22. Meetings lasted for a total of more than 55 hours (with the average meeting lasting just over two and a half hours). There were many more briefings, visits and workshops outside the scheduled programme.
- 4.2. Members considered 143 reports – totalling more than seven thousand pages of reading, reporting and analysis.
- 4.3. Some of the longest reports dealt with issues of intricate detail – such as the local plan and its evidence base as well as other key planning policy documents. The Committee also considered comprehensive reports on budget reduction proposals and the masterplanning process for the redevelopment of Catford Town Centre.
- 4.4. The Committee's latest finish was in December 2018 – following extended discussions on the issues of: local pubs, the community infrastructure levy and parking policy.
- 4.5. The Committee made 34 referrals to Mayor and Cabinet – sharing its views for improvements to Council policy and the efficient implementation of new proposals. See appendix C – for a full list of the Committee's referrals.
- 4.6. Over the course of the administration the Committee has had two different chairs – Councillor Liam Curran (2018-21) and Councillor Louse Krupski (2021-22)
- 4.7. The coronavirus pandemic resulted in some disruption the committee meeting cycle in early 2020 – but meetings quickly moved online – and subsequently into a 'hybrid' format, with some members attending remotely and some in person.

Meeting	Start	End	Duration	Reports	Pages
19/07/18	19:00	22:15	03:15	7	502
12/09/18	19:00	21:45	02:45	5	80
29/10/18	19:00	22:00	03:00	8	490
12/12/18	19:00	22:25	03:25	8	150
30/01/19	19:00	22:00	03:00	9	585
04/03/19	19:05	21:05	02:00	6	209
30/04/19	19:05	21:45	02:40	6	423
04/06/19	19:05	21:10	02:05	7	116
04/07/19	19:00	21:00	02:00	5	46
11/09/19	19:35	22:20	02:45	6	442
28/10/19	19:00	22:00	03:00	9	443
04/12/19	19:00	21:35	02:35	5	151
21/01/20	19:00	22:15	03:15	7	743
10/03/20	19:05	22:15	03:10	6	223
15/09/20	19:05	21:40	02:35	8	150
12/11/20	19:05	21:00	01:55	5	334
14/01/21	19:00	21:05	02:05	7	403
04/03/21	19:00	21:00	02:00	5	53
30/06/21	19:00	21:15	02:15	8	298
15/09/21	19:05	21:20	02:15	6	352
23/11/21	19:05	21:40	02:35	5	525
18/01/22	19:15	20:35	01:20	5	334
Average			02:32	6.5	321
Total			55:55:00	143	7052

- 4.8. In the last year of the administration, the scrutiny process was modified as part of the response to the [Local Democracy Review](#). This resulted in the creation of ‘task and finish groups’ to carry out in-depth scrutiny – and a reduction in the frequency of formal committee meetings.
- 4.9. Nonetheless, the Committee has looked at a number of issues in depth over the course of 2018-22, including:
- Preserving local pubs 2018-19
- 4.10. The Committee has a long standing interest in the role that local pubs play in Lewisham’s communities and town centres. Following up from its 2012 review, the Committee invited guests to give evidence about the challenges facing Lewisham’s pubs. The Committee agreed its review and recommendations in March 2019. The Committee’s views have been reflected in the strengthened policy being proposed in the new local plan.

Development of the Local Plan 2018-22

- 4.11. The Committee has taken a close interest in the development of Lewisham's new Local Plan. The Plan will become the foundation of regeneration and development management in the borough. It will shape the borough, its neighbourhoods and communities for many years to come. Accordingly, the Committee has set aside time at many of its meetings to consider the development of the evidence base for the plan (including the Lewisham characterisation study and the opens spaces assessment). At its meeting in January 2020, the Committee reviewed the draft plan before it proceeded to consultation – and in November 2021, the Committee dedicated its whole meeting to the outcome of the consultation – and officers' planned amendments to the draft plan.

The regeneration of Catford town centre 2018-21

- 4.12. The regeneration of Catford is one of the largest planned town centre redevelopments in London. The Council has been carefully evaluating the capacity for new homes and infrastructure. In line with its remit, the Committee is very interested in ensuring that the redevelopment is sustainable and focused on strengthening the local community. The Committee has consistently championed the diversion of the south circular to make space for affordable housing, cultural and civic space in the town centre. The Committee is also a persistent advocate of improved cycling and walking routes through the town centre. In June 2021 – the Committee considered (and endorsed) the master plan for the Town Centre, recognising it as an example of good practice.

Parks management 2019-20

- 4.13. In 2019 the Committee embarked on a review of parks management in Lewisham. This was timely – because the parks service was considering options as the end of a long term contract with an external provider was due to come to an end. The Committee carried out a visit to the borough's parks – and invited witnesses to give evidence. Its recommendations during the options appraisal for the end of the contract led to Mayor and Cabinet agreeing to expedite the options appraisal for an environmental services local authority trading company. The Committee finalised its report and agreed recommendations to Mayor and Cabinet in spring 2020. The response to the coronavirus pandemic resulted in changes to the delivery of the parks service – but the Chair of the committee has received regular updates and briefings from officers.

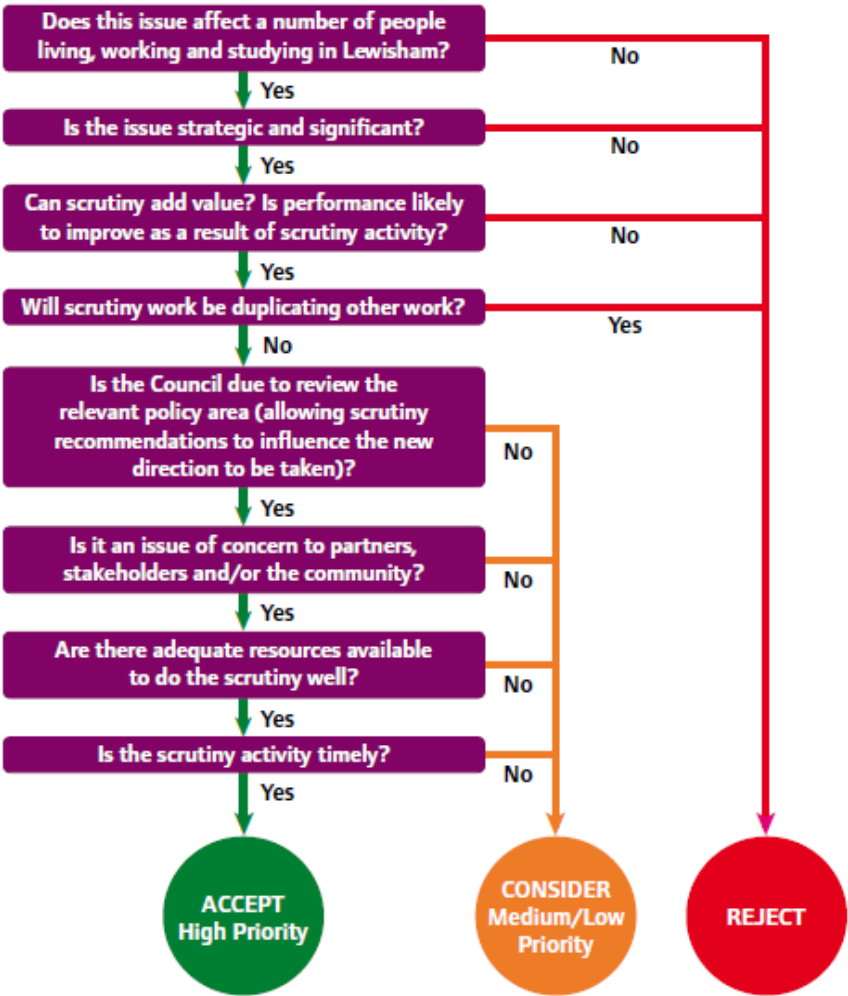
Climate emergency (2020-22)

- 4.14. In February 2019 Lewisham Council declared a Climate Emergency and proposed a target to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. The declaration tasked the Sustainable Development Committee with scrutinising the Council's emerging plans. The Committee has been a long term proponent of robust responses to the climate emergency – and has continued to influence decisions on biodiversity, development, transport, planning and parks in line with this remit – as well as formally scrutinising the development of the climate emergency action plan.
- 4.15. Other key issues considered during 2018-22:
- Roads and cycling;
 - Air quality;
 - Planning obligations and planning policy;
 - Flooding;

5. Planning for the next administration

- 5.1. A work programme report will be put forward at the first Sustainable Development Select Committee meeting of 2022-23. The report will take account of the Committee’s previous work and will draw on a range of sources for ideas and suggestions, including:
- items suggested by the Committee in the course of the previous year
 - items suggested by Council officers
 - issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny (including any items outstanding from previous work programmes)
 - those items that the select committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference
- 5.2. The new Committee will also need to give consideration to decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet.
- 5.3. Members are asked to put forward suggestions for the Committee to consider in 2022-23 – having regard to the scrutiny prioritisation process:

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



6. Financial implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications arising as a result of the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. The [Equality Act 2010](#) (The Act) legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society. It replaced the previous anti-discrimination laws with a single act, making the law easier to understand and strengthen protection in certain situations. 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.
- 8.2. The Act also imposes a public sector equality duty. This means that in public bodies, of which this Council is designated, they must consider all individuals in carrying out their day-to-day work when shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It also requires public bodies to:
- Have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination
 - Advance equality of opportunity
 - Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities
- 8.3. The Council recognises diversity is one of its strengths and is committed to creating a more inclusive community. Therefore, having due regard to the Act, is confirmation of the Council's commitment to eliminating all forms of discrimination against any group within the community and to actively promote an equality of opportunity and positive community partnership.
- 8.4. The delivery of the Council's equalities objectives is to be achieved through the delivery of all of the Council's strategies, plans and procedures. As such, all select committees and other scrutiny bodies, when planning their work and scrutinising items, bear in mind the delivery of the Council's equality objectives.
- 8.5. Scrutiny tries to make sure that its work reflects the diversity of Lewisham's communities and that the views of residents are fairly represented in scrutiny processes. Any recommendations arising from scrutiny work support the Council's corporate strategy and reflect the needs of local residents

9. Climate change and environmental implications

- 9.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report. However, in February 2019 Lewisham Council declared a Climate Emergency and proposed a target to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. The declaration tasked the Sustainable Development Committee with scrutinising the Council's emerging plans. Items on the work programme will have climate change and environmental implications and all reports considered by the Committee should acknowledge this.
- 9.2. At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 30 November 2021, it was

recommended that each select committee should appoint a climate change champion to ensure that (a) the annual work programme takes climate change matters into account; and (b) officers are given appropriate steers in relation to the reports for specific items, to ensure they include relevant climate change considerations. The Committee considered this recommendation at its meeting in January 2022 and appointed Cllr Leo Gibbons to this important role.

10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1. There are no crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

11. Health and wellbeing implications

- 11.1. There are no health and wellbeing implications arising as a result of the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

12. Background papers

- 12.1. Full details of the committee's agendas, decisions and minutes on the Council's website [link to the committee pages on the Council's website](#). Meeting dates:

19/07/18	04/12/19
12/09/18	21/01/20
29/10/18	10/03/20
12/12/18	15/09/20
30/01/19	12/11/20
04/03/19	14/01/21
30/04/19	04/03/21
04/06/19	30/06/21
04/07/19	15/09/21
11/09/19	23/11/21
28/10/19	18/01/22

13. Glossary

- 13.1. [Link to Oxford English Dictionary here.](#)

Term	Definition
Municipal year	A term used in local government to describe the period between annual general meetings of the Council (typically May to April the following year).

14. Report author and contact

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

15. Appendices

- Appendix A –select committee terms of reference
- Appendix B – completed select committee work programmes 2018-22
- Appendix C – select committee referrals to Mayor and Cabinet 2018-22

Appendix A - Select Committee terms of reference

The following roles are common to all select committees:

(a) General functions

- To review and scrutinise decisions made and actions taken in relation to executive and non-executive functions
- To make reports and recommendations to the Council or the executive, arising out of such review and scrutiny in relation to any executive or non-executive function
- To make reports or recommendations to the Council and/or Executive in relation to matters affecting the area or its residents
- The right to require the attendance of members and officers to answer questions includes a right to require a member to attend to answer questions on up and coming decisions

(b) Policy development

- To assist the executive in matters of policy development by in depth analysis of strategic policy issues facing the Council for report and/or recommendation to the Executive or Council or committee as appropriate
- To conduct research, community and/or other consultation in the analysis of policy options available to the Council
- To liaise with other public organisations operating in the borough – both national, regional and local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working in policy development wherever possible

(c) Scrutiny

- To scrutinise the decisions made by and the performance of the Executive and other committees and Council officers both in relation to individual decisions made and over time
- To scrutinise previous performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives/performance targets and/or particular service areas
- To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors personally about decisions
- To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors in relation to previous performance whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over time or in relation to particular initiatives which have been implemented
- To scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the borough and to invite them to make reports to and/or address the select committee/Business Panel and local people about their activities and performance
- To question and gather evidence from any person outside the Council (with their consent)
- To make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process

(d) Community representation

- To promote and put into effect closer links between overview and scrutiny members and the local community
- To encourage and stimulate an enhanced community representative role for overview and scrutiny members including enhanced methods of consultation with local people
- To liaise with the Council's ward assemblies so that the local community might participate in the democratic process and where it considers it appropriate to seek the views of the ward assemblies on matters that affect or are likely to affect the local areas, including accepting items for the agenda of the appropriate select committee from ward assemblies.
- To keep the Council's local ward assemblies under review and to make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council as to how participation in the democratic process by local

people can be enhanced

- To receive petitions, deputations and representations from local people and other stakeholders about areas of concern within their overview and scrutiny remit, to refer them to the Executive, appropriate committee or officer for action, with a recommendation or report if the committee considers that necessary
- To consider any referral within their remit referred to it by a member under the Councillor Call for Action, and if they consider it appropriate to scrutinise decisions and/or actions taken in relation to that matter, and/or make recommendations/report to the Executive (for executive matters) or the Council (non-executive matters).

(e) Finance

- To exercise overall responsibility for finances made available to it for use in the performance of its overview and scrutiny function.

(f) Work programme

- As far as possible to draw up a draft annual work programme in each municipal year for consideration by the overview and scrutiny Business Panel. Once approved by the Business Panel, the relevant select committee will implement the programme during that municipal year. Nothing in this arrangement inhibits the right of every member of a select committee (or the Business Panel) to place an item on the agenda of that select committee (or Business Panel respectively) for discussion.
- The Council and the Executive will also be able to request that the overview and scrutiny select committee research and/or report on matters of concern and the select committee will consider whether the work can be carried out as requested. If it can be accommodated, the select committee will perform it. If the committee has reservations about performing the requested work, it will refer the matter to the Business Panel for decision.

Sustainable Development has specific responsibilities for the following:

- (a) To exercise all the functions and roles of the overview and scrutiny committee in relation to the following matters:

- to examine issues relating to the protection of the environment including 'green' issues such as the conservation of natural resources, air quality, energy efficiency and conservation and/or the reduction of all types of pollution and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet as appropriate;

- to comment and consult on and make recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the following:

i. sustainable development, economic development, business support, employment and training;

ii. the formulation of the Council's planning policies, (including the preparation of the Council's Local Development Documents and other local plans for the use and development of land, but excluding planning control and building control functions);

iii. highways, parking, traffic and transport, and urban regeneration;

iv. the environment including waste disposal, environmental health, street and market trading (but not the granting of licences and related matters);

v. public protection, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, consumer protection, cemeteries and crematoria;

vi generally to examine the performance of the Mayor and Cabinet in relation to the matters listed at (i) to (v) above.

- the review and scrutiny of the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management and coastal erosion risk management affecting the area.

Appendix B – completed work programmes 2018-22

Work programme 2018-19

Work item	Type of item	Priority	Strategic priority	Delivery deadline	19-Jul	12-Sep	29-Oct	12-Dec	30-Jan	04-Mar
Budget cuts	Performance monitoring	High	CP10	Ongoing						
Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Jul						
Select committee work programme 2018/19	Constitutional requirement	High	CP6	Ongoing						
Catford Town Centre Regeneration	In-depth review	Medium	CP6	Mar						
Implementation of the air quality action plan	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Jul						
Lewisham Local Plan update	Information item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
Development of the local implementation plan	Standard item	High	CP6	Oct						
Pubs	Single meeting review	High	CP6	Dec						
Planning service annual monitoring report	Information item	Medium	CP6	Dec						
Community Infrastructure Levy neighbourhood CIL strategy	Standard item	High	CP1/CP10	Dec						
Bakerloo line extension update	Information item	Low	CP6	Dec						
Parking policy review	Policy development	High	CP6	Dec						
Annual parking report	Performance monitoring	Low	CP6	Mar						
Beckenham Place Park	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Waste strategy implementation and performance monitoring	Information item	High	CP6	Jan						
Fire safety in tall buildings	Performance monitoring	High	CP6	Jan						
Economy and partnerships	Standard item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
New Cross Area framework	Standard item	Medium	CP6	Mar						
Home energy conservation	Standard item	Low	CP6	Mar						

Work programme 2020-21

Item	Type	Corporate priority	15-Sep-20	12-Nov-20	14-Jan-21	04-Mar-21
Financial stabilisation - budget update and medium term plan	Standard item	All				
Catford Town Centre Regeneration: masterplan framework	Performance monitoring	CP2,4,6				
Railway Children urban national park: neighbourhood plans and environmental protection	Standard item	CP6				
Lower Sydenham and Bell Green vision study	Policy development	CP6				
Budget cuts	Standard item	All				
A21 Development Strategy	Policy development	CP2,4,6				
Small sites SPD	Policy Development	CP2,4,6				
Climate Emergency action plan	Policy development	CP6				
Implementation of the transport strategy: walking, cycling and healthy neighbourhoods	Standard item	CP6				Tbd
Planning policy: delivery of affordable housing in new developments	Standard item	CP6				Tbd

Work programme 2021-22

Item	Type	Priority	30-Jun-21	15-Sep-21	23-Nov-21	18-Jan-21	17-Feb-22
Catford Town Centre Regeneration: masterplan framework	Performance monitoring	All					
Emissions based short stay parking and motorcycle charging	Policy development	CP6					
Waste strategy	Policy development	CP6					
A21 Strategy	Policy development	CP6					
Environmental operations review (including mechanisation proposal)	Standard item	CP6					
Implementation of the transport strategy: walking, cycling strategy and healthy neighbourhoods	Policy development	CP6					
Budget cuts	Standard item	All					
Local plan consultation update (regulation 19 approval)	Performance monitoring	CP6					
Infrastructure delivery plan	Policy development	All					
Information items							
Annual parking report	Information	CP6					
Biodiversity action plan update	Information	CP6					
Small sites supplementary planning document review/consultation outcomes	Information	All					
Flood risk management	Information	CP6					
Parks and open spaces strategy update	Information	CP6					
Major planning developments update (incl Bakerloo line)	Information	CP6					
Air quality action plan update	Information	CP6					
Economic recovery on the high street	Information	CP4					
Borough of culture creative legacy	Information	All					

Appendix C – referrals to Mayor and Cabinet 2018-22

Over the course of 2018-22 the Committee made 34 referrals to Mayor and Cabinet:

- Air quality (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 20 September 2018)

The Committee encouraged the take up of the 'Lewisham Air' app – with particular focus on promoting uptake by staff and users of Lewisham's public sector partners. The Committee also endorsed the work being carried out by the Council's clean air champion and recommended that the Council consider the implementation of charges for the most polluting vehicles. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- The development of the Local Plan (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 10 October 2018)

The Committee recommended that the consultation on the forthcoming Local Plan be sufficiently robust to allow councillors and members of the public the opportunity to review and influence the proposals. The Planning Service has held briefings for councillors and continues to update the Committee on the development of its consultation plan. The Committee also commented on: the importance of community space in new developments; the uptake of renewable energy and; the long term maintenance of public spaces. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Budget cut proposals (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 21 November 2018)

Following focused scrutiny of the matters within its remit, the Committee referred its views to Public Accounts Select Committee and Mayor & Cabinet about: sweeping of residential roads; commercial waste charges; parking enforcement; the costs and administration of the garden waste subscription service; the practicality of staging events in parks and the issue of 'repairing leases' for the rental of Council buildings. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Parking (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019)

The Committee recommended that further work be carried out by the parking service to ensure that its enforcement activity is as effective as possible. The Committee also recommended that consideration be given to the use of two hour parking restrictions in some areas of the borough. It urged that the Council consider the potential impact of the removal of carer permits on the most vulnerable service users. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Neighbourhood CIL (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019)

The Committee recommended that the Council take more time to consider the impacts of the proposed changes to the levy. It also had detailed comments about: the fairness and transparency of future funding arrangements; the use of digital engagement; equality; assessments of demonstrable change and deprivation; the importance of location in determining levels of funding and the role of councillors in allocating funding. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Preserving Lewisham's pubs (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 27 March 2019)

The Committee recommended that new protections be put in place for Lewisham's historic

pubs. It proposed that this should include all of the assets required by a pub to run as an effective business. It also urged the Council to carry out further work to support local pubs as local small businesses. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Fire safety in tall buildings (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 27 March 2019)

The Committee recommended that the Council support the campaign by the Fire Brigade (and others) for the wider uptake of sprinklers in new developments. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Planning Annual Monitoring Report (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 27 March 2019)

The Committee recommended that officers should carry out further work to make the monitoring report more widely accessible. The Committee asked Mayor and Cabinet to: provide more information about the performance of the Council's planning enforcement and building control functions – whilst also – recommending that a review of the resources allocated to these services be carried out. The Committee proposed that the Council should work to lobby government in order to strengthen the powers of building control. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- The New Cross Gate Area framework and station opportunity study (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 27 March 2019)

The Committee commended the work of officers and recommended that the Framework be shared widely. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Neighbourhood community infrastructure levy (considered at Mayor and Cabinet 5 June 2019)

The Committee highlighted a number of ongoing concerns it had about the process for allocating CIL funding. This included comments about the accessibility of funding for marginalised groups – as well as the voting system for deciding on projects and communication with residents. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Home energy conservation (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet 26 June 2019)

The Committee welcomed the work being carried out by officers and recommended that further funding be provided to support innovative projects in this area of work. Additional resources have subsequently been made available. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Comments on Mayor and Cabinet response to the Committee's referral on pubs and fire safety (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 10 July 2019)

The Committee highlighted its concerns about the use of novel construction material and fire risk – it also asked for further consideration to be given to the issue of wooden cladding on buildings. In addition – it raised concerns about the response to its previous referral on the protection of Lewisham's pubs. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Catford regeneration (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 10 July 2019)

The Committee highlighted its belief about the importance of sustainability in the regeneration of Catford town centre. It recommended that additional consideration be given to the methods proposed for the construction of new buildings in the town centre – as well as the long term sustainability and energy efficiency of new buildings and infrastructure. It also reiterated its ongoing support for the Broadway theatre – and asked Mayor and Cabinet to ensure that it considered plans for the regeneration with various scenarios for the extension of the Bakerloo

line. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Surrey Canal Triangle design framework (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 30 October 2019)

The Committee welcomed the advances in discussions between parties involved in the Surrey Canal Triangle. However, it was concerned about the lack of new analysis about the needs of the local community - relating to the development of plans for the area. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Employment training and business support (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 30 October 2019)

Committee recommended that funding should be made available from borough wide community infrastructure levy funding for an employment training and business support programme. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Cycling (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020)

The Committee made a number of comments on the implementation of the cycling strategy – with a number of specific proposals to improve cycling provision in the borough. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Parking policy update (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet 15 January 2020)

The Committee recommended that Mayor and Cabinet give consideration to the impact of policy changes on the climate crisis it also made recommendations on commuter parking in the vicinity of Lewisham's larger employers (including the hospital) [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Climate emergency (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 5 February 2020)

The Committee recommended that public engagement should be a key part of the development of the climate emergency action plan. It also recommended that additional consideration be given to the importance of tree planting and green infrastructure in mitigating climate change. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Local plan (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 11 March 2020)

The Committee made a number of specific comments about the development of the local plan. In particular – it was concerned to highlight the need for additional planning enforcement. It also made comments on urban greening; energy efficiency; impermeable paving; trees and student housing. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Parks and open space strategy and the parks management and maintenance review (considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 10 June 2020)

The Committee referred its own in-depth review report – alongside recommendations for the improvement of the parks and open spaces strategy. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Catford Town Centre regeneration (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 16 September 2020)

The Committee endorsed the officer approach to the regeneration programme and it recommended that there be a considered strategy for the redevelopment of the Broadway Theatre. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Railway children urban national park (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 16 September 2020)

The Committee recommended increased protections for the land and trees in the railway children urban national park. It also asked officers to expedite the delivery of the Grove Park Neighbourhood Plan. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Budget cuts (considered at Mayor and Cabinet 9 December 2020)

The Committee made comments on the budget cuts proposals – as part of a combined referral from all of the select committees. It recommended that careful consideration be given to proposals that would result in staffing reductions. It also recommended the initiation of a ‘keep Lewisham tidy’ campaign – and the use of safeguards in any future consultation on controlled parking zones. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Budget cuts (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet 3 February 2021)

As part of a joint referral – from all select committees – the Committee recommended that care be taken in implementing cuts to environmental services, it also recommended an enhanced focus on contract management and a quick move to cash payments for parking. [The full referral is available online here.](#)

- Climate emergency (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 3 February 2021)

The Committee recommended that the Council put a climate emergency page on its website, containing a guide for residents on how to live more sustainably. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Small Sites Supplementary Planning Document (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 10 March 2021)

The Committee submitted 17 recommendations for improvements to the supplementary planning document and its implementation – focusing both on the specifics of the plan and the way in which the Committee believed it should be communicated and utilised. [The full referral is available online here.](#)

- Emissions based short stay and motorcycle charging (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 14 July 2021)

The Committee recommended a number of improvements and ideas to the proposals – including: working in collaboration with Transport for London; improving cashless payments and carefully designing future schemes. [The full referral is available online here.](#)

- Waste strategy (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 14 July 2021)

The Committee recommended improvements to waste collection and enforcement practices; support for a ‘Lewisham in bloom’ campaign – and changes to the way in which it received future information in reports. [The full referral is available online here.](#)

- Catford regeneration (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 14 July 2021)

The Committee recommended that the Council should build on the lessons learnt from the Catford master planning process, recognising that it is an exemplar of best practice. It asked Mayor and Cabinet to ensure that the knowledge and insight gained from the process was retained for use on future projects. The Committee also asked that efforts be made to ensure that residents are kept up to date with progress on the development. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- A21 Development Framework (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 6 October 2021)
The Committee commended the work of officers as well as requesting that there be future close collaboration with Transport for London – and consideration for the upgrade of the framework to a supplementary planning document. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Railway Children Urban National Park (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 6 October 2021)

The Committee referred the views of Cllr Ingleby to Mayor and Cabinet [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Local Plan (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 8 December 2021)

The Committee commended the work of officers – and asked that the benefits of the proactive engagement process be capture for future consultations. Members also made a number of comments on the proposal for a district park in Grove Park. [The full referral is available online here](#)

- Budget cuts (Considered at Mayor and Cabinet on 2 February 2022)

The Committee's comments focused on asset management – and the provision of accurate information. It also asked that careful consideration be given to the proposals on the implementation of new yellow boxes at junctions. [The full referral is available online here.](#)