Subject: Draft Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Guidance

Report to: Planning Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat Date: 10 October 2013

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report asks Members to note that the Mayor has issued draft supplementary planning guidance (SPG) to the London Plan addressing sustainable design and construction. The Committee has the opportunity to respond to this SPG, which is being consulted on until 21 October 2013.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee agrees to delegate authority to the Chair in consultation with the Deputy Chair and the Environment Committee to draft and submit a response to the Mayor’s Draft Sustainable Design and Construction SPG by 21 October 2013.

3. Background

3.1 The Mayor is consulting on draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to the London Plan that addresses sustainable design and construction. The Committee has the opportunity to respond to this SPG, which is being consulted on until 21 October 2013.

3.2 This SPG provides guidance on the implementation of London Plan policy 5.3 - Sustainable Design and Construction, as well as a range of policies, primarily in Chapters 5 and 7, that deal with matters relating to environmental sustainability. The draft SPG includes guidance on:

- Energy efficient design
- Meeting the carbon dioxide reduction targets
- Decentralised energy
- How to off-set carbon dioxide where the targets set out in the London Plan are not met
- Retro-fitting measures
- Support for monitoring energy use during occupation
- An introduction to resilience and demand side response
• Air quality neutral
• Resilience to flooding
• Urban greening
• Pollution control
• Basements policy and developments
• Local food growing

3.3 The full SPG can be found at this link: http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/MAINSD%26C%20SPG%2020130730.pdf

3.4 Ahead of the publication of the SPG, Members of the Planning and the Environment Committees visited Siemens’ urban sustainability centre ‘The Crystal’ in June and received presentations on sustainable construction and development from a number of industry experts. The Committee formally noted the record of this meeting on 4 July 2013.¹

3.5 Issues raised in the presentations and from the subsequent discussions with Members and experts will form the basis of the Committee’s consultation response. Officers are in the process of drafting a response for Members’ consideration.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct GLA financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: There are none.

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List of Background Papers: Draft Sustainable Design and Construction SPG (2013)

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¹ http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s26664/7%20-Site%20Visit%20to%20the%20Siemens%20Crystal.doc.pdf