

Subject: Draft London Environment Strategy

Report to: Environment Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 13 September 2017

This report will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 This paper sets out background information to a discussion on the London Environment Strategy. This is the first of two meetings examining the draft of this strategy during the period of public consultation. This meeting will give the committee the opportunity to question the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, and GLA officers, about the proposed content of the strategy. It is proposed to discuss at this meeting the areas of climate change mitigation, energy, waste, and the transition to a low carbon circular economy.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests on the London Environment Strategy, and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the London Assembly's response to the Mayor's Draft London Environment Strategy.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The Mayor has a duty (under the Localism Act 2011) to produce an Environment Strategy. This replaces separate strategies (drawn up under the GLA Act 1999 and the GLA Act 2007), on air quality, biodiversity, climate change mitigation and energy, municipal waste, climate change adaptation and ambient noise. It is still required to cover these statutory issues. It also replaces non-statutory strategies drawn up by the previous Mayor on water and business waste.
- 3.2 The Mayor is required to consult the Assembly and the public on a draft of the Environment Strategy before publishing the final version. The draft was published in August and the consultation is open until 17 November 2017.¹

¹ See the strategy consultation page at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/draft-london-environment-strategy-have-your-say>

4 Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 It is proposed (subject to any necessary adjustments for reasons such as the availability of guests) that this meeting will consider the following chapters of the draft strategy:
- Chapter 6: Climate change mitigation and energy;
 - Chapter 7: Waste; and
 - Chapter 10: Transition to a low carbon circular economy.
- 4.2 It will also consider any relevant material from the cross-cutting chapters:
- Chapter 1: London’s Environment Today;
 - Chapter 2: Transforming London’s Environment;
 - Chapter 3: New Approaches; and
 - Chapter 11: GLA Group Operations – Leading by Example.
- 4.3 The following chapters of the draft strategy will be for consideration at the committee’s next meeting (again, alongside relevant material in the cross-cutting chapters):
- Chapter 4: Air Quality;
 - Chapter 5: Green Infrastructure;
 - Chapter 8: Adapting to Climate Change; and
 - Chapter 9: Ambient Noise.
- 4.4 The Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, will attend the meeting to introduce the strategy and answer questions. Other officers of the Greater London Authority will also attend.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: Draft London Environment Strategy
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