

## Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Action Log 2022

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| Tree Strategy | The Panel recommended that the Council's Tree Strategy is reviewed and updated to include how new trees are established and how all trees are maintained                | <b>Green</b> | <p>The tree strategy is currently being undertaken. The strategy will be delivered in two parts</p> <p>The first phase concentrating on Council-owned assets, maintenance regimes and risk management.</p> <p>The second phase will take into context private tree assets, planning considerations and the wider urban forest.</p> <p>Report going to SCOSP for 19/01/23 with update.</p> <p>Adoption of Tree Strategy Phase 1 scheduled for March 2023 Cabinet.</p>  | <p style="background-color: yellow;">20/03/2023</p> <p>March Cabinet?</p> |
| Green Spaces  | The Panel recommends that the Council create an overarching Green Spaces strategy in line with the Council's climate commitment and with a focus on community wellbeing | <b>Amber</b> | <p>This is under consideration. There are several Council strategies that touch upon parks and open spaces particularly Local Development Framework documents.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Negotiations with Parks for London and the London Parks Benchmarking Forum indicate that results from the 25 year Environment Plan</p> <p>and current good practice for developing green infrastructure strategies needs updating and the need for a wider Nature Recovery Plan which London Authorities are waiting for the GLA to produce the Nature Recovery Strategy for London so guidance will change with updates expected in April 2023 so it is recommended that boroughs should not waste resources developing open spaces strategies that will be out of date the moment they are released.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/25-year-environment-plan">25 Year Environment Plan - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> | 09/11/2021  |

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|                  |   |         | The LBM Greenspace Team are using this time to develop a scoping document which will work with other council departments and FoP groups to develop in Spring 2023 onwards   |              |
| Flooding         | The Thames Water independent review of the flooding to be shared with the Panel once received.  | Green   |   | N/A          |
| Tenants Champion | See reference for full details.   | Green   | Cabinet response here:<br><a href="https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/documents/48404/Housing%20enforcement%20and%20the%20tenants%20champion%20role%20002.pdf">https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/documents/48404/Housing%20enforcement%20and%20the%20tenants%20champion%20role%20002.pdf</a> | 19/09/2022   |
| Fly tipping      | Considering lack of access to disposal facilities is a driver, the Panel RESOLVED that "This panel requests Cabinet consider ways of bringing the collection of waste closer to the community         | Green   | The recommendation made by the Panel was welcomed by Cabinet and contributes to the existing developments being made to the service.  | 19/09/2022   |
| School Streets   | The Council explore the possibility for planters and particular features that make it clear it is a school street.  | Pending | Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23  |              |
| School Streets   | Cabinet to review the communication of zones including term times in school streets   | Pending | Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23  |              |
| Active Travel    | Cabinet looks at resourcing for and prioritise the walking and cycling master plan.   | Pending | Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23  |              |
| Active Travel    | Recommend to Cabinet that they examine any potential quick wins that are already identified and still relevant.   | Pending | Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23  |              |
| Clarion Housing  | This Panel recommends that it be a default procedure for all repairs to have before and after pictures.   | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23  |              |
| Clarion Housing  | This Panel recommends that Clarion, at least once a quarter, help advertise the Resident Association meetings, including where and when they will be held, and that resident associations are allowed | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23  |              |

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|                 | access to the communal boards for them to advertise these meetings.   |         |  |              |
| Clarion Housing | This panel request that Clarion report back on the improvements it makes to communications around repairs and update the panel at the next session they are due to report at. | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23 |              |
| Clarion Housing | Clarion commit to review all their Merton properties with regards to retrofitting and improving their energy efficiency.  | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23 |              |
| Clarion Housing | The panel recommends that Clarion undertakes a review of all empty or unused Community spaces so that some, if usable, can be allocated for use by resident associations.     | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23 |              |
| Clarion Housing | Clarion to review its protocols for communicating with freeholders and leaseholders on its properties with regards to complaints and repair response times.                   | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23 |              |
| Clarion Housing | Recommend greater transparency published about individual estates data on repairs and the satisfaction rates from residents.  | Pending | Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23 |              |

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