

Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Action Log 2023

Area	Recommendation	Status	Officer notes	Cabinet date
Tree Strategy (Idverde)	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	Green	The tree strategy is currently being undertaken. The strategy will be delivered in two parts with the first phase concentrating on Council-owned assets, maintenance regimes and risk management. The second phase will take into context private tree assets, planning considerations and the wider urban forest.	09/11/2021
Green Spaces (Idverde)	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	Amber	Cabinet Member updated at 19.01.23 that there has been a delay- it links to the wider green strategy across London. We're waiting for that guidance so that we can ensure we are feeding into a pan London approach.	09/11/2021
Idverde	The Panel recommends to Cabinet that the Council should consider developing a 'One Stop Shop' web-based reporting system to make it easier for our residents to report any issues relating to parks, waste and public spaces in one place and bring an update on this to the SC Panel AND To display signage in parks informing residents on how to report issues and express their views	Amber	Cabinet Member updated at 19.01.23 that Fix my street/reporting will be extended to parks and green spaces.	09/11/2021
Idverde	The Panel requested quarterly updates from officers on the performance of Idverde (as part of the standing performance monitoring item)	Amber	The Assistant Director for Public Space committed to meeting with Chair to agree on how performance will be reported to the Sustainable Communities Panel going forward e.g., a dashboard overview.	09/11/2021
Idverde	The Panel requested Cabinet identify timescales for the Idverde recommendations. Cabinet Member agreed to return to the Panel in June with timeframes for these, with the caveat that the timeframes presented back could change.	Amber	Add Idverde item to June 2023 agenda.	N/A

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Flooding	The Thames Water independent review of the flooding to be shared with the Panel once received.	Green	To be presented to 23 February Panel	N/A
Tenants Champion	See reference for full details.	Green	Cabinet response here: https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/documents/s48404/Housing%20enforcement%20and%20the%20tenants%20champion%20role%20002.pdf	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 20/03/23	
School Streets	Cabinet to review the communication of zones including term times in school streets	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/03/23	
Active Travel	Cabinet looks at resourcing for and prioritise the walking and cycling master plan.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/03/23	
Active Travel	Recommend to Cabinet that they examine any potential quick wins that are already identified and still relevant.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/03/23	
Clarion Housing	This Panel recommends that it be a default procedure for all repairs to have before and after pictures.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 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 access to the communal boards for them to advertise these meetings.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	This panel request that Clarion report back on the improvements it makes to communications around	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	

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	repairs and update the panel at the next session they are due to report at.			
Clarion Housing	Clarion commit to review all their Merton properties with regards to retrofitting and improving their energy efficiency.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 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	Scheduled for Cabinet 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	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	Recommend greater transparency published about individual estates data on repairs and the satisfaction rates from residents.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	This Panel recommends that further details of the contract specifications for each service are brought back to a future Sustainable Communities Panel at an appropriate time.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	That street sweeping schedules are published on the Merton website	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	That 'prioritising street sweeping after bin collection' should be included in the specification.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	The Council continue the work already underway in support of Net Zero by 2030, ensuring that the waste collection contract agreed will state that the vehicle fleet needs to be carbon neutral by 2030.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	The Panel requests that performance monitoring officers come up with a process for the Sustainable Communities Panel can feed in and scrutinise contract performance.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	

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Waste & Recycling	This Panel recommends that the Council introduces ward-based dashboards for identifying fly tip hot spots.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	
Waste & Recycling	That the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate Change returns to the Sustainable Communities Panel once the Environment Bill and legislation has been published.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 20/02/23	