

## ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

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Item of business [Source]	Current position	Outputs / Decisions
<p><b>Best Value Review of Highways Infrastructure</b> [Work programme]</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b> Presentation from Des Waters/Mike Avis on Best Value Review of Highways to ensure that key policy, performance and finance issues arising have been addressed. Considered at a meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2002. Awaiting draft vision document: Formulation and resolution of key concerns for a proposed report to the Executive prior to their consideration of the draft vision document.</p>	<p>Letter sent to Councillor Richard Thomas on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2002.</p>
<p><b>Litter and Dog Fouling</b> [Work programme]</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b> Simon Baxter gave a presentation on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2002. Further discussion planned for meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2002, however meeting cancelled. Members have requested for more information on costing.</p>	
<p><b>Recycling</b> [Work programme]</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b> Phil Davies gave a presentation on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2002. Further discussion planned for meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2002 (meeting cancelled).</p>	<p>Site Visit to Manor Place Depot planned for between 21st November and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mystery shopper exercise on take up of Blue Box Scheme.</li> <li>• Round table review of evidence arising with advice from key officers.</li> </ul> <p>Review over two meetings</p>
<p><b>Recycling:</b> to conclude a review of recycling arrangements in the borough, in particular, the take up of the blue box scheme.</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b> Phil Davies gave a presentation at a meeting held on 10 December 2002. The following policy issues were highlighted, with the principles being: waste reduction, value recovery and sustainability. The policy objectives for Southwark were noted as:</p>	<p>An update report to be considered by OSC on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste management operations be based on the waste hierarchy</li> <li>- Growth in Municipal Waste be limited to 2% per annum from a base of 131,858 tonnes (2001/02)</li> <li>- New waste management facility be established either in or close to the borough</li> <li>- Recycling targets for household waste and recovery targets for municipal waste be as set out for the long-term targets detailed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> That funding be increased on the education programme for recycling, to include publicity, by 10 - 15% of the overall revenue budget for recycling across the borough: That the recommendation above be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to formally agree, as it referred to a significant policy change</p>	
<p><b>Enviro crime</b> – litter/dog fouling/fly tipping: to conclude the review of arrangements for dealing with litter, dog fouling and fly tipping</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b> Officers gave a presentation to the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2002.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> That the recommendations listed below, be submitted to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport to respond:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The development of a central database to collate information relating to litter, dog fouling, fly tipping and occurrences, and that this should be geographically coded.</li> <li>2. Endorse agreement on the part of the Director of Housing to employ 5 additional Enforcement Officers to work on estates.</li> <li>3. Ensure greater publicity is given to service standards.</li> <li>4. Funding of £20,000 be provided to purchase a second mobile covert CCTV camera to catch fly tippers and fly posters.</li> </ol>	<p>Pending. Series of recommendations put into a letter to the Executive Member. Executive Member will be asked about progress on the recommendations at the meeting in February 2003.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Secure closer, joint working arrangements with the Police for dealing with enviro-crime including the provision of police resources.</li><li>6. Write to the Mayor for London in support of the GLA strategy on enforcement of waste management issues, and request information on how Southwark Council could assist in the development process of the strategy.</li><li>7. Write to the Director of Regeneration seeking assistance in bringing about change in policy that will ensure all developers and building contractors comply with the Environmental Protection Act and the Control of Pollution Act</li><li>8. Write to the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency to enquire when powers to demand waste transport notes from all those that produce, store and transport waste will be made available to local authorities, and to ask the Environment Agency to present to the Council its current performance on dealing with illegal waste activities and related matters.</li><li>9. Write to the LGA to support their ongoing consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Environment Agency and Local Authorities on how to tackle fly tipping.</li><li>10. That £30,000 be allocated to fund a post enabling Southwark to take part in the ENCAMS People and Places Programme, which involves visiting schools, community groups and business forums, encouraging involvement in taking a holistic approach to addressing environmental issues through creative and innovative solutions.</li><li>11. That £50,000 per annum be allocated to initiating change and raising awareness through strong publicity campaigns, promoting and publicising the problems associated with these forms of enviro crime.</li><li>12. Ensure the communications department try to obtain</li></ol>	

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	greater publicity from the South London Press to support the ongoing initiatives in Southwark in respect of enviro-crime	
Meeting with Executive Member	<b>PENDING</b> Arrangements made to meet the Executive Member on 11 February 2003.	At the sub-committee's meeting on Monday 13th January 2003, Members discussed and agreed on questions for the Executive Member at the meeting to be held on 11/2/2003. A set of questions has been prepared for the Executive Member. The questions have been based on the following: -
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MORI 2002 and other Consultation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Cleaning/Cleansing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recycling/Waste</li> <li>• Transport/Highways Infrastructure</li> <li>• Strategic Issues in Business Planning</li> <li>• Enviro Crime</li> <li>• <b>Executive Body approach to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations</b></li> </ul>
Draft waste management strategy	A seminar is to be organized on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February to discuss alternatives to landfill. Prominent experts from around the country to participate in the seminar. A report requesting funding for the event has been submitted to OSC on 6 February, 2003.	OSC decision was that a budget of £1,500 be agreed for Environment & Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee to secure expert advice for ongoing inquiry into alternatives to landfill.