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Item of business [Source]	Current position	Outputs / Decisions
<p>Best Value Review of Highways Infrastructure [Work programme]</p>	<p>ONGOING 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 9th 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 30th October 2002.</p>
<p>Litter and Dog Fouling [Work programme]</p>	<p>ONGOING Simon Baxter gave a presentation on 15th October 2002. Further discussion planned for meeting on 12th November 2002, however meeting cancelled. Members have requested for more information on costing.</p>	
<p>Recycling [Work programme]</p>	<p>ONGOING Phil Davies gave a presentation on 15th October 2002. Further discussion planned for meeting on 12th November 2002 (meeting cancelled).</p>	<p>Site Visit to Manor Place Depot planned for between 21st November and 4th December 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery shopper exercise on take up of Blue Box Scheme. • Round table review of evidence arising with advice from key officers. <p>Review over two meetings</p>
<p>Recycling: to conclude a review of recycling arrangements in the borough, in particular, the take up of the blue box scheme.</p>	<p>ONGOING 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste management operations be based on the waste hierarchy - Growth in Municipal Waste be limited to 2% per annum from a base of 131,858 tonnes (2001/02) - New waste management facility be established either in or close to the borough - Recycling targets for household waste and recovery targets 	<p>An update report to be considered by OSC on 15th January 2003.</p>

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	<p>for municipal waste be as set out for the long-term targets detailed.</p> <p>Decision: 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>Enviro crime – litter/dog fouling/fly tipping: to conclude the review of arrangements for dealing with litter, dog fouling and fly tipping</p>	<p>ONGOING Officers gave a presentation to the meeting held on 10th December 2002.</p> <p>Decision: That the recommendations listed below, be submitted to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport to respond:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Endorse agreement on the part of the Director of Housing to employ 5 additional Enforcement Officers to work on estates. 3. Ensure greater publicity is given to service standards. 4. Funding of £20,000 be provided to purchase a second mobile covert CCTV camera to catch fly tippers and fly posters. 5. Secure closer, joint working arrangements with the Police for dealing with enviro-crime including the provision of police resources. 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. 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 	<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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	<p>Environmental Protection Act and the Control of Pollution Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12. Ensure the communications department try to obtain greater publicity from the South London Press to support the ongoing initiatives in Southwark in respect of enviro-crime</p>	
Meeting with Executive Member	The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee met with Councillor Richard Thomas as part of its 2002/03 work programme on Tuesday 11 February 03.	A letter was sent to advise all members of the Executive Body of the background to the meeting and the issues and outcomes arising from it.
Strategy for the above meeting	The Environment and Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee had determined, prior to the meeting with the Executive Member, the headings under which questions would fall and the content of some of the questions. Members of the Sub Committee took ownership of particular questions on the night. Additional and supplemental questions were asked of the Executive Member at the meeting.	The following topics were discussed with the Executive Member: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MORI 2002 and other consultation ▪ Street cleaning/cleansing

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	<p>As well as receiving answers to specific questions, Members of the Sub Committee used the meeting as an opportunity to find out more about the scope of the Executive Member's involvement in his portfolio. Two officers from Environment and Leisure supported the Executive Member.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recycling/waste ▪ Transport/highways infrastructure ▪ Strategic issues in business planning ▪ Enviro crime ▪ Performance Management
Draft waste management strategy	A seminar is to be organized on Tuesday 11 th 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.
'GREEN AND 'CLEAN' – Meeting on Tuesday 11 March 2003	There is going to be a review of the meeting with officers on 11 February on 'green and 'clean' supplementary planning guidance in the UDP.	
ALTERNATIVES TO LANDFILL: PROGRESSING THE REVIEW	Members agreed to decide at their meeting on Tuesday 11 March 2003 how to progress this review from now on.	<p>The Sub-Committee highlighted the following areas as ones, which might be brought into the review: -</p> <p>Planning requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainability in design - developers should be encouraged to consider sustainability more in their designs 2. Designing out Enviro-Crime - how good is the policy proposed to encourage this? 3. Environmental Impact Assessments - could these be encouraged on the part of developers with a policy that, if the environmental impact assessment proves positive, planning applications may be

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		<p>able to be pushed through more speedily?</p> <p>4. Open Space - how is it defined, protected (e.g. some small areas, I are not give the status park which might leave small open spaces more vulnerable to development) - Does planning policy on parks and open spaces suit the Council's 'getting greener' agenda.</p> <p>5. Section 106 funding.</p>
		<p>Strategic Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the Council's planning policies have teeth? Members felt that current policy is often ignored or overridden therefore leaving the Council open to the charge that it is inconsistent in the application of planning policy. 2. What training is given to those members sitting on Planning Committees? 3. Do our policies encourage developers to work with the community, engaging with residents from the start? And, if they can be shown to have done so, could this guarantee them speedier planning permission?