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ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE FOR 2003/04	At the meeting held on 8 th April 2003, the Sub-Committee reviewed their activities for 2002/2003. Listed below is a brief summary of the sub-committee's recommendations arising from reviews during 2002/03	
Best Value Review of Highways Infrastructure	Best Value Review of Highways Infrastructure. The improvement plan containing the Sub-Committee's input was submitted to the Executive in December 2002.	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greater consultation with the public towards better customer care ▪ Stronger influence over the co-ordination of the work of utility companies ▪ Clearer signage to show which roads are managed by Transport for London and which by Southwark ▪ Future contracts strategy should look at a fully comprehensive range of options ▪ Rationalisation arising, e.g. on staffing and specific external functions should not result in a diminution of service levels ▪ Should resolve anomalies existing in the division of responsibilities between Highways and Traffic departments ▪ Award of design contracts and conduct of audit trails should be to Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment standards and practices ▪ All pedestrian crossing should be

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		<p>made fully accessible to disabled users asap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members should be kept informed about the effects of congestion charging
<p>Litter, Dog Fouling, Flytipping</p>		<p>The output is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work should continue on developing a database to collate all information relating to these types of enviro-crime ▪ 5 additional enforcement officers to be employed to work on housing estates ▪ Greater publicity to be given to service standards ▪ Funds should be found to purchase a second, covert mobile CCTV camera
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closer joint working arrangements should be secured with the Police ▪ A letter should be sent to the Mayor of London supporting a strategy on enforcement of waste management issues ▪ There should be a change of policy to ensure that all developers and building contractors comply with the Environmental Protection Act and the Control of Pollution Act ▪ The Council should have powers to demand waste transport notes from all those that produce, store

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		and transport waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There should be a memorandum of understanding between the Environment Agency and local authorities enabling: ▪ Powers to seize vehicles involved in fly tipping ▪ Fixed penalty fines to be served on unregistered waste carriers and businesses unable to demonstrate compliance with the duty of care ▪ Funding be found for the Council to take part in an ENCAMS education programme ▪ Funding be found for a package of publicity and information to raise awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater buy in from local media to the issues
<p>Recycling</p>	<p>The issue was considered at meetings and was also discussed with the Executive Member</p>	<p>An additional 10-15% of revenue budget be found for a comprehensive publicity, education and information campaign to encourage maximum take up of recycling facilities across the borough</p>

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Actions proposed in the Strategy should be revisited to remove inconsistencies and make them clearer ▪ More actions to be developed in support of the important issues outlined in the narrative section of the strategy, where they were not seen to exist currently ▪ Some actions outlined were too vague and should be more measurable
REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVES TO LANDFILL	<p>At the meeting on 11th March 2003, Members expressed their concerns and disappointment that their enthusiasm to pursue an in depth review of alternatives to landfill had been modified by OSC. Members agreed that the Executive Body should have as broad, independent and expert a body of opinion available to it to inform its decisions on alternatives to landfill in due course and that this would not be forthcoming from the Sub-Committee under current proposals from OSC</p>	<p>Letters expressing these sentiments have been sent out to Councillors concerned. Two experts John Collins and Hugh Car Harris have agreed to attend future meetings of the Sub-Committee.</p>
REVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN PROCUREMENT	<p>The Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 11th March discussed Sustainability in design, including the use of recycled building material, designing out crime, the requirements of environmental impact assessments, how well open spaces are protected under current planning policy, section 106, planning policy to encourage developers to consult more closely with the community, the impact of planning policies on the built environment running up to the River Thames, protection for particular types of building.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Council needs to do all possible to encourage developers to meet supplementary planning guidance, particularly on issues of sustainability by greater</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Sub Committee endorsed lobbying central government for legislation giving greater weight to supplementary planning guidance ▪ Supplemental planning guidance be brought more fully into the UDP before the consultation process has run its course and standard conditions should give more weight to supplementary planning guidance ▪ Sustainability should feature more

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	reference to the Council's Green Register, that supplementary planning guidance should be brought more fully into the UDP if possible before the consultation process has run its course, that standard conditions for developers should give more weight and credence to supplementary planning guidance and that the Executive should lobby central government for legislation giving greater weight to local authority supplementary planning guidance	<p>highly in planning applications through the requirements for design statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developers should be encouraged to co-operate fully with the supplementary planning guidance over and above minimum legal requirements. <p>The decision taken was that as per the request from OSC, Members recommendations be put into a report to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub- Committee as its contribution towards one overall report back to OSC comprising recommendations from all the Scrutiny Sub-Committees.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2003/04</p>	<p>The Sub-Committee agreed to a work programme for year 2003/2004 at their meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2003. The work programme is subject to OSC approval.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utility debts – April 2003 2. Environmental Improvement Plan, Community Safety and S106
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Highways contract 4. Open Space Strategy 5. Best Value Review of Parks and Open Spaces 6. Integrated Waste Management Contract 7. Waste Strategy Consultation feedback 8. Environmental Audits of Housing and Strategic Services 9. Parking and Enforcement Plan 10. Transport Local Plan including Road Safety Plan and Parking Enforcement Plan

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	<p>The Sub Committee has two reviews to be completed from the 2002/03 work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A review of alternatives to landfill▪ A review of sustainability and green procurement <p>In addition, the 2002/03-work programme had proposed revisiting arrangements on Community Wardens to see how their work is progressing. However, the 2002/03-work programme had to be flexible enough to fit in other reviews requested by Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee during the year. In the event the review of Community Wardens was not commenced.</p>	