

Meeting Name:	Cabinet
Date:	22 July 2024
Report title:	Report of the Environment Scrutiny Commission: Sustainable Freight scrutiny review
Lead Member:	Councillor Margy Newens, Chair, Environment Scrutiny Commission
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All wards
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/a

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet notes the recommendations of the Environment Scrutiny Commission: Sustainable Freight scrutiny review report, Appendix A, as set out on page 4 – 6 of the report.
2. That the cabinet considers the recommendations from the Commission and requests that the relevant cabinet member reports back to cabinet on the recommendations, as set out below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The review was initiated by the commission as members believe that the council ought to deliver a coherent and realistic plan to deliver Sustainable Freight. Commercial freight is significant contributor to the borough's carbon emissions, poor air quality and heavy and dangerous traffic on our roads.
4. During the course of the review officers informed the commission that there is an intention to complete a Sustainable Freight plan during 2024.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The review recommendations are written to inform the development of the emerging Sustainable Freight plan and to help ensure that it:
 - dovetails with existing strategies and plans, including the Air Quality Action Plan, Streets for People Strategy and Climate Emergency Action Plan,
 - that the energy, skills and experience of local groups delivering and advocating for Sustainable Freight are well utilized,

- That TfL/ GLA plans to support Sustainable Freight are understood and that these bodies are lobbied effectively to support the council's plans.
6. It is for cabinet to decide whether or not to accept the scrutiny commission's recommendations.
 7. Overview and scrutiny procedure rule 15.3 requires the cabinet to consider and provide a written response to the report within two months.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Environment Scrutiny Commission agenda and papers 2022/23/24	Scrutiny Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Julie Timbrell 020 7525 0514
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APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Sustainable Freight scrutiny review report

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Member	Councillor Margy Newens, Chair, Environment Scrutiny Commission	
Lead Officer	Everton Roberts, Head of Scrutiny	
Report Author	Julie Timbrell, Project Manager, Scrutiny	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance	No	No
Strategic Director, Finance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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