

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

DETAILS OF REPORT <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
Title of report	Approval of a new Southwark Biodiversity Fund
Decision-maker	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Jobs and Business
Earliest date when decision can be taken	12 August 2024
Key decision – Yes/No?	Yes
Date published on Forward Plan	July 2024
Date sent to cabinet member	2 August 2024
Recommendation	<p>1. That the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Jobs and Business approves a time-limited grant fund for not-for-profit groups to deliver biodiversity enhancements in the borough, for capital projects from 2025 onwards.</p> <p>2. The total grant funding amount will be £500,000, drawn from the £1m Climate Capital Fund budget allocated for biodiversity enhancements by Cabinet in July 2022 – a summary of the scheme is included in paragraphs 8-26. The remainder of this funding will continue to be allocated for internal council projects to deliver biodiversity enhancements.</p>

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PART B

(Cabinet member to complete this section)

DECISION(S)

Recommendations agreed

REASONS FOR DECISION

As per report

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS
CONSIDERED**

None

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None

ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

None

¹ Named officer to contact on whether representations have been received or not

ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

Note: If the decision-maker has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision.

Where a cabinet member may discharge a function alone and becomes aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being dealt with or to be dealt with by her/him, the cabinet member must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter.

If a member is unsure as to whether an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest they should contact the governance team for advice.

None

DECLARATION

I approve/~~reject~~ the recommendations set out in the report.*

or

~~I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.*~~

or

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.*~~

(* - Please delete as appropriate)

Signed... 

... Dated.....21/08/2024.....

Cabinet Member

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Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.