

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Matter referred by the Sustainable Development Select Committee - Rail Development Review	
Key Decision		Item No. 13
Ward	All	
Contributors	Sustainable Development Select Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: April 18 2007

1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments/views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on their review of the plans for rail development in the borough. These are set out in the attached report.

2. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Mayor of the views/comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee from their review of the plans for rail development in the borough.

3. Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- (i) note the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out in section 4; and the detailed report.
- (ii) agree that the relevant Executive Director for Regeneration be asked to feedback on progress in relation to responses arising from the issues indicated below

4. Sustainable Development Select Committees Views

4.1 The Sustainable Development Select Committee wish to recommend that:

- I. In respect of proposed plans to increase rail and tube capacity, plans should be made to ensure that capacity is be improved not only in respect of numbers of trains and longer trains but also exploring better links and interchanges with the aim of providing a more joined up service.
 - While the committee very much welcomes the East London line extension we do not believe that this should be used to justify a reduction in services to London Bridge. We therefore recommend that a

feasibility study needs to be carried out and published to show the maximum number of trains per hour that can be accommodated in addition to the planned East London services.

- In line with this, with regards to the closure of the East London Line between 22 December 2007 - 2010, a feasibility study should be carried out to look into the possible impact on existing services.
 - Some consideration should also be given to carrying out a feasibility study to extend the Bakerloo Line further south from Elephant and Castle.
- II. TfL information on commuters travel patterns should be made available to the council to assist with transport planning at a local level.
 - III. The problems with disabled access for the tube and rail network is a long standing problem that needs to be resolved with a well thought out strategy and approach. As a short term measure, to improve accessibility to stations, the opportunity for small scale improvements and funding should be investigated. Particularly in respect of the planned re-branding work as part of the new London over ground service
 - IV. The rail and tube developments in the borough should also be in line with the Local Development Framework and the council's policy concerning sustainable development.
 - V. The committee recommend that progress with the rail and tube developments in the borough is re-visited in six months time.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report, however subsequent financial implications arising from the recommendations of the select committee will be reported in the response of the relevant Executive Director(s) to Mayor and Cabinet.

6. Legal Implications

The Constitution provides for the Select Committees to report to the Mayor and Cabinet and for the Executive to consider the report within one month of receiving it.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Rail Development Review Report attached

If you have any queries on this report, please contact Fola Beckley, Policy and Research Officer, extension 49976 or Kevin Flaherty, Head of Business and Committee, extension 49327.