

Recommendations and updates from other committees to Cabinet 5 August 2021



Please find below updates from other committees to South's Cabinet meeting on Thursday 5 August.

Climate and Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee

Members of the committee met informally on 7 June. The notes of this meeting are published to the council's website. **No action is required by Cabinet.**

The committee members received a presentation from the Chiltern Conservation Board on its work in supporting farmers and the creation of support networks. The Board is working on helping to prepare farmers for environmental land management schemes.

Members received an update from Councillor Jo Robb, the River Thames Champion, on all the work being undertaken to tackle sewage release into the river, and on the intention to support a World River Day celebration.

Members also discussed the creation of a tree policy for council-owned land. Members asked that the policy was developed without delay, to ensure tree planting applicants have time to apply before the tree growing season begins.

Updates from task and finish groups:

- the task and finish group assisted with a response to the DEFRA consultation on the Environment Bill
- work is ongoing with the green retrofitting task and finish group

Joint Staff Committee

The committee met formally on 9 and 10 June. It recommended changes to the chief officer structure, which were approved by an individual Cabinet member decision in June. The committee also conducted interviews for the appointment of the head of legal and democratic. Cabinet members subsequently supported the appointment. **No further action required by Cabinet.**

General Licensing Committee

The committee met formally on 24 June and approved the taxi licensing policy. **No action required for Cabinet.**

Joint Audit and Governance Committee

The joint committee had met formally on 5 July and approved the statement of accounts and annual governance statement for 2019/20, subject to minor issues in the accounts to be signed off outside of the meeting. **No action required for**

Cabinet. For information, the accounts for 2020/21 are due to be considered by the committee in January 2022.

South Scrutiny Committee

Members of the committee met informally on 19 July. Under discussion was a paper on financial contributions in lieu of on-site affordable housing delivery. No suggestions have been made to Cabinet. However, members asked questions and made suggestions to make the paper clearer before it was sent to Planning Committee members for information. **No action required for Cabinet.**

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