

Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Action Log 2022

Area	Recommendation	Status	Officer notes	Cabinet date
Tree Strategy	The Panel recommended that the Council's Tree Strategy is reviewed and updated to include how new trees are established and how all trees are maintained	Green	The tree strategy is currently being undertaken. The strategy will be delivered in two parts with the first phase concentrating on Council-owned assets, maintenance regimes and risk management. The second phase will take into context private tree assets, planning considerations and the wider urban forest.	09/11/2021
Green Spaces	The Panel recommends that the Council create an overarching Green Spaces strategy in line with the Council's climate commitment and with a focus on community wellbeing	Amber	This is under consideration. There are several Council strategies that touch upon parks and open spaces particularly Local Development Framework documents.	09/11/2021
Flooding	The Thames Water independent review of the flooding to be shared with the Panel once received.	Green		N/A
Tenants Champion	See reference for full details.	Green	Cabinet response here: https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/documents/s48404/Housing%20enforcement%20and%20the%20tenants%20champion%20role%20002.pdf	19/09/2022
Fly tipping	Considering lack of access to disposal facilities is a driver, the Panel RESOLVED that "This panel requests Cabinet consider ways of bringing the collection of waste closer to the community	Green	The recommendation made by the Panel was welcomed by Cabinet and contributes to the existing developments being made to the service.	19/09/2022
School Streets	The Council explore the possibility for planters and particular features that make it clear it is a school street.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23	
School Streets	Cabinet to review the communication of zones including term times in school streets	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23	
Active Travel	Cabinet looks at resourcing for and prioritise the walking and cycling master plan.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23	

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Active Travel	Recommend to Cabinet that they examine any potential quick wins that are already identified and still relevant.	Pending	Scheduled for Cabinet 16/01/23	
Clarion Housing	This Panel recommends that it be a default procedure for all repairs to have before and after pictures.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	This Panel recommends that Clarion, at least once a quarter, help advertise the Resident Association meetings, including where and when they will be held, and that resident associations are allowed access to the communal boards for them to advertise these meetings.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	This panel request that Clarion report back on the improvements it makes to communications around repairs and update the panel at the next session they are due to report at.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	Clarion commit to review all their Merton properties with regards to retrofitting and improving their energy efficiency.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	The panel recommends that Clarion undertakes a review of all empty or unused Community spaces so that some, if usable, can be allocated for use by resident associations.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	Clarion to review its protocols for communicating with freeholders and leaseholders on its properties with regards to complaints and repair response times.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	
Clarion Housing	Recommend greater transparency published about individual estates data on repairs and the satisfaction rates from residents.	Pending	Originally scheduled for 16/01/23 Cabinet, now pushed back to 20/02/23	