



Community Stakeholder Panel

Meeting note

Agenda: Monday 11 September 2023: 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Virtual meeting.

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Panel introductions
3. Terms of reference
4. Streets for People
5. Southwark Climate Day 2024
6. Draft Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy
7. Forward plan
8. AOB

Attendees

Organisation/Group	Role
Southwark Council – Cllr James McAsh	Chair
Southwark Council – Tom Sharland	Panel member
Extinction Rebellion Southwark	Panel member
Southwark Law Centre	Panel member
Southwark Cyclists	Panel member
Living Streets	Panel member
London LGBTQ Centre	Panel member
SDA Independent Living	Panel member
SDCAS	Panel member

SGTO	Panel member
Southwark Diocese	Panel member
Southwark TUC	Panel member
Southwark Council – James Senior	Supporting officer
Southwark Council – Kasia McBride	Note taker
Southwark Council – John Wade	Guest

Apologies

- Southwark Diocese
- Fossil Free Southwark

Notes

1. Welcome from the Chair

- Welcome from Cllr James McAsh, chair of the meeting.

2. Panel introductions

- Introductions from panel members present.

3. Terms of reference (ToR)

- **Action** – ToR to be updated to include reference to the opportunity to add future agenda items.
- **Action** – ToR to be updated to clarify that panel members are representing certain communities, but that the group's views are not necessarily the views of all those within those communities, or with those protected characteristics.

Agreement – terms of reference approved, with additions discussed.

4. Streets for People

Project status: Approved strategy

Desired outcome: Inform panel and seek guidance on how we can work together to engage residents on the strategy

- Presentation on Streets for People Strategy delivered by John Wade (Southwark Council)
- Open invitation to engage with cleaners and trade union members on the strategy.
- Noted that documents will affect section 278 and 106 agreements, and would expect to see developers commit to the principles of Streets for People. A number of ways to support within the planning process.
- Lack of engagement and consultation in planning process has been a problem. Lack of consultation – recognising it has its own weight in the planning process.

- Further clarification sought on how the strategy fits into planning policy and if it will be a recognised planning document. If not it will have little power to shape new developments.
- Noted that last year Transport for London (TfL) threatened to cut bus routes in Southwark. The council campaigned against this and ultimately lead to these cuts being reversed.
- Noted that the council doesn't have power over buses or costs, but what it can improve is bus times by removing obstructions and making routes quicker. As well as making interchanges more pleasant and easier to use.
- Recommended that Streets for People should engage with Southwark Planning Network to involve them directly in the strategy.
 - **Action** – Southwark Council to arrange Streets for People meeting with Southwark Planning Network.

5. Southwark Climate Day

Project status: Early engagement

Desired outcome: Seek input, ideas and opportunities for collaboration on Climate Day 2024

- Presentation on Climate Day 2024 delivered by James Senior (Southwark Council)
- Feedback from panel on ideas and objectives for Climate Day 2024:
 - Recommendation to focus on children and young people.
 - Noted that it is challenging to achieve a diverse set of objectives in a single event.
 - Consider hosting in a venue that isn't a university.
 - Important to show that we are also experiencing impacts in Southwark, as well as the climate frontline.
 - Traditional conference style can be isolating for some groups.
 - Consider using the event as an opportunity to resuscitate the idea of community around tackling the climate emergency within Southwark.
 - Consider having resource share facility which directs residents to teams and groups that are already active in the borough.
 - Agreed by the group that the day needs clear objectives.
 - Consider a surgery space or workshop where residents can have an input into the council's climate policies
- Noted that further ideas, suggestions or feedback is welcome and can be sent to James Senior.
- **Action** – Council to pick up separately with SDA Living on how to tailor engagement for disabled audiences.

6. Draft Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy

Project status: Consultation

Desired outcome: Raise awareness and seek guidance on how we can work together to engage residents on the consultation

- Presentation on Draft Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy delivered by Tom Sharland (Southwark Council)
- Feedback from the panel:
 - It is unclear how the Climate Change Strategy and the Resilience and Adaptation Strategy link together. This could also be confusing for residents.

- Noted that Streets for People is not listed in the strategy.
- The panel discussed the challenges with the council matching its ambition in the current environment with spending challenges and conflicting UK Government priorities.
 - Noted that communities are concerned about the UK Government spending large amounts on work that is in conflict with the council's aims.
 - Also noted that in spite of this, the council can do things, such as looking at conditions of staff working and making sure staff aren't working in extreme heat.
 - Also noted that as a major social landlord, the council can do things around its council housing.
- Recommended to add something on work with businesses and organisations to show that the focus is not just on individual behaviour change.
- Consider adding more around scrutiny on large organisations, rather than behaviours of individuals.
 - Suggested context could be added to support this, such as, Thames Water leaks leading to XX amount of wasted water in Southwark.
- Consider having some case studies and examples of the sorts of things you have in mind within the strategy, to give people a sense of what's possible.
- **Action** – panel members to feed into the consultation by sharing [the survey](#) with their members and peers, as well as considering larger consultation responses to send to climateemergency@southwark.gov.uk
- The council offered additional follow-up meetings for any panel members who wish to discuss the strategy and its contents in more detail.

7. Forward plan

Item status: For agreement

Desired outcome: Agree on format of future meetings, length, and regularity.

- Panel discussed preferences on meeting regularity, length and format.
- Noted that some panel members may have future agenda items to recommend.
- **Action** – Panel to move to quarterly meetings lasting 1 ½ hours.
- **Action** – next meeting to be delivered as a hybrid meeting.
- **Action** – to consider after this meeting if the next one should be virtual or hybrid.
- **Action** – council to find suitable dates for next meeting.

8. AOB

- None