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# ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### SECOND DESPATCH

Please find enclosed the following items:

**Item 8** Scrutiny Review - Draft Recommendations

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## Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – Draft Recommendations

1. Encourage the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) to support Islington Council in our reduce, reuse and recycle ambitions through their new Waste Strategy and:
  - (i) Maximise the opportunities for new Islington-based apprenticeships as a consequence of their future strategy and developments
  - (ii) review and understand the performance of London Energy and other contractors
  - (iii) continue to focus on waste reduction and recycling to maximise diversion of waste from incineration
  - (iv) bring forward carbon capture at the Edmonton ERF.
2. Work to support residents in making sustainable choices and reducing waste by:
  - (i) Exploring options for design improvements and resident information to drive behaviour change and support an increase in effective/compliant food and other recycling on estates.
  - (ii) maximising opportunities for local food growing and food supply, organic practices, prevention of food waste and effective food recycling.
  - (iii) Work with NLWA and other partners, for example, on campaigns to promote reusable rather than disposable products (e.g. reusable nappies and sanitary products), and the waste disposal of such products.
3. Work with London Councils to lobby government for greater regulatory powers, particularly on waste and supermarkets and retail bodies to increase their recycling provision for customers.
4. Focus on how the council can facilitate the development of local retrofitting skills. Explore how the council can build inhouse capacity for retrofitting, for example through developing and training its own accredited retrofit assessors and co-ordinators
5. Investigate options to relaunch a resident-led 'pesticide free streets' scheme and continue to develop a plan to reduce the use of glyphosate in council operations
6. Review best practice to help the council support and enable community energy schemes in the borough to support the overall buildings retrofit programme.
7. Develop options for increasing last-mile deliveries by businesses using vehicles that minimise pollution by using cargo-bikes, etc. and that do not lead to nuisance to residents from delivery depots, micro-kitchens, etc.
8. Investigate how we can use air quality monitoring and reporting as part of our performance reporting and promotion of net zero carbon ambitions

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