

# Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

Monday 24 September 2012

7.00 pm

Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

## Supplemental Agenda

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| <b>Item No.</b><br>6.              | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>24 September 2012                                  | <b>Meeting Name:</b><br>Peckham and Nunhead<br>Community Council |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Deputation Request – Starlight Music Academy                       |  |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | All wards within the Peckham and Nunhead<br>Community Council area |  |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Proper Constitutional Officer                                      |  |

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council consider a deputation request from representatives of Starlight Music Academy.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.  
The deputation request relates to the closure of Peckham Settlement following its decision to enter into administration and the effect this has had on the operation of the Starlight Music Academy.
4. The deputation would like to inform the community council of their organisation's works does, and to request support.

## Procedure for Deputations

5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda
5. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
7. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
8. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her

or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.

9. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Comments of the Strategic Director of Housing and Community Services (Head of Community Engagement)**

#### **Premises Issues**

10. On 15 August 2012 the council was informed by the Chair of the Peckham Settlement that as a result of seeking independent advice on its financial situation the decision had been taken to go into administration. The Chair advised that taking this course of action would enable the Settlement to pay off its debts after which time the possibility of resuming some services can be determined albeit in a smaller and different fashion. The administrator was appointed and the building closed on 16 August 2012.
11. The Trustees had held discussions with groups using the building and with users of those services and expressed deep regret about the closure. The expectation of the Executive of the Settlement was also that, as part of the role of appointed Administrators, arrangements would be made for the transfer of projects based at the Settlement to local organisations if funders were in agreement that the projects should continue to operate. Where a project based at the Settlement has approached the council for help to re-locate, officers have provided assistance. A number of discussions have taken place with groups requesting such assistance e.g. Southwark Travellers Action Group (STAG) and Hourbank and suitable alternative premises and arrangements have been made.
12. At this time it would appear that Starlight Music Academy have not yet sought assistance from the council, particularly on potential alternative venues that would meet their needs. However, they have been in contact with the Volunteer Centre staff who offered Starlight some contacts to explore what premises may be available.
13. Officers can also ask individual services within the Council to see if there is spare space at any of the buildings they use. Starlight Music Academy will be advised that it is Council policy to charge commercial rent for any of its properties used by other organisations
14. Officers can be contacted on 020 7525 5571 (Ian Brinley – premises officer), 020 7525 7418 (Triumphant Oghre) and 020 7525 1579 (Katherine Pitt) commissioning officers.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

| <b>Background Papers</b>                                     | <b>Held At</b>                       | <b>Contact</b>                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Written correspondence received from Starlight Music Academy | 160 Tooley Street,<br>London SE1 2QH | Beverley Olamijulo<br>020 7525 7234 |

**AUDIT TRAIL**

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Lead Officer</b>   | Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer |                          |
| <b>Report Author</b>  | Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer     |                          |
| <b>Version</b>  | Final  |                          |
| <b>Dated</b>  | 24 September 2012                              |                          |
| <b>Key Decision?</b>  | No   |                          |
| <b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b> |  |                          |
| <b>Officer Title</b>  | <b>Comments Sought</b>                         | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Director of Legal Services  | No   | No                       |
| Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services                    | No   | No                       |
| Strategic Director of Housing and Community Services                    | Yes  | Yes                      |
| <b>Cabinet Member</b>   | No   | No                       |
| <b>Date final report sent to the Constitutional Team</b>                | 24 September 2012                              |                          |

**Peckham And Nunhead CC Meeting 20-06-07 Future Planning**

**Feedback regarding how to improve meetings**

| Issue  | Detail   | Actions:  |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><b>Improved interaction</b></p> | <p>People should be given the opportunity to ask questions</p> <p>Q&amp;A sessions on each item.</p> <p>Try genuine two way conversation</p> <p>More interaction – more discussion e.g. in small groups where residents get to express their views.</p> <p>Improve structure of breakaway groups</p> <p>Stop officers talking at attendees</p> <p>Less being talked at by officers</p> <p>How to communicate best with residents</p> <p>What types of communication work best?</p> | <p><b>5 minutes of question time is allocated to each topic.</b></p> <p><b>Public question time is a regular item on each meeting’s agenda.</b></p> <p><b>A system also exists for people to send questions / deputations before the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>During the first meeting of each CC calendar year and intermittently throughout the year a set of workshops are held asking people;</b></p> <p><b>The main topics to discuss during the year</b></p> <p><b>How meetings can be improved.</b></p> <p><b>The main topic in every meeting is now allocated a geographical or thematic based workshop discussion session which then feeds back to the main meeting.</b></p> <p><b>These sessions are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Facilitated by a member</b></li> <li><b>Provided 3 major points to discuss.</b></li> <li><b>Asked to feed back to the main meeting via a local resident.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The actions/responses to the issues raised are then fed back at a future meeting.</b></p> <p><b>We aim to limit each presentation to a maximum of 10 minutes and allow another 5 minutes for question time.</b></p> <p><b>Speakers at the meeting and other agencies are also invited to hold stalls with information so that participants can talk to them at length at the break.</b></p> <p><b>A preparation meeting is held before each meeting, whereby the chair and the presenters go through all the agenda items in order to make them more user friendly and make sure that they focus on the items that are most relevant to local issues.</b></p> |

| Issue  | Detail  | Actions:   |
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| <p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><b>Lack of Internet Access</b></p>                  | <p>Stop all from saying it's the web</p> <p>Data exists that majority of resident have no access to web.</p> <p>Not everyone can access the web. People have literacy difficulties</p>  | <p><b>Every presenter is asked to provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>A paper copy with information about their topic.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>A phone number that people can contact regarding the topic.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Presenters are also invited to hold stalls with information so that participants can talk to them at length at the break.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><b>More information about local activities.</b></p> | <p>Need to get better at communicating everything that going on in the area</p> <p>More awareness of activities in other wards and each community Councillors and residents could share interesting activities etc. that are happening in their wards – so residents and councillors can learn and perhaps adopt those ideas in our own wards</p> | <p><b>Regular community activity information is currently:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Sent to local Forums, networks, Tenants and Residents Associations, Voluntary Sector groups and key residents.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Put up on central local notice boards within the CC area.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Brought to the meeting as announcements and/or fliers and posters.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Those people who would like to receive these updates with their meeting invites can contact Marian Farrugia on 0207 – 525 -1780.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Agenda</b></p>   | <p>Smaller agenda – enables people to get involved, ask questions interact etc.</p> <p>Agenda items need timing to be improved – far too rushed.</p>  | <p><b>One method that we have adopted to counteract this is to ask presenters to just announce their topics and then hold stalls where they can provide more detailed information.</b></p> <p><b>Interaction methods as per above.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Venues</b></p>   | <p>Mainly central so that it is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily located.</li> <li>• Fair to all</li> <li>• Easily accessed.</li> </ul> <p>Venues – local</p>  | <p><b>We will aim to hold the meetings in venues around the CC area on main transportation routes and links within the area</b></p>  |

| Issue                | Detail   | Actions:   |
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| <b>Meeting times</b> | Have regular Saturday meetings to enable those who can't make evening meetings | <b>Whilst council resources do not always allow for there to be regular Saturday meetings, we have in the past endeavoured to hold at least one of our meetings on a Saturday.</b> |

**Feedback on issues highlighted at Peckham and Nunhead Community Council for 24 September 2012 meeting**

| Question   | Responses  |
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| <p><b>Public Question 1</b></p> <p>Local resident Margaret Stewart: I am concerned about the offensive smells on Peckham Rye Lane, I believe the causes are from rotten fish and meat. It has been reported that rodents (rats) infest the area. I would like to know what Southwark Trading Standards are doing about the Hygiene, Health and safety standards, of all the shops on Rye Lane and surrounding areas.</p> | <p><b>Response</b><br/>Food Hygiene &amp; Health and Safety Enforcement Team</p> <p>The Environmental Health and Trading Standards service has received 2 complaints about smells in Rye Lane over the past 12 months. A further 6 complaints have been received about pests (rats and mice) in the vicinity.</p> <p>The 2 smell complaints were followed up with the complainants and resolved informally. The pest complaints were also investigated, the offending businesses were identified and measures put in place to eradicate the vermin.</p> <p>50 Food Hygiene inspections and subsequent re-visits have been made to premises in Rye Lane over the past year. This resulted in 2 formal notices being served and 49 written warning. All with the exception of 1 notice served in July have been complied. Officers are currently chasing the compliance of the 1 remaining warning.</p> <p>Our illegal economy team have had to serve 4 immediate food seizure notices for illegally imported food found in Rye Lane.</p> <p>Our Health and safety team have carried out 98 health and safety inspections that resulted in 23 formal notices and 108 informal notices being served on shop owners. All have been complied with. One case resulted in legal proceedings being taken.</p> <p>Should you have concerns about Food Safety, Rodent infestations linked to food premises, rotten food smells or illegally imported food <b>please contact the Food Team at <a href="mailto:food@southwark.gov.uk">food@southwark.gov.uk</a> or telephone Southwark's Call Centre on 020 7525 2000</b></p> <p>From: Jonathon Toy,<br/>Food Hygiene &amp; Health and Safety Enforcement Team</p> |