

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 26 January 2011	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests - Save Southwark Adult Learning	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation on the future of adult learning in Southwark from Save Southwark Adult Learning (SSAL).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, council assembly can decide:
 - to receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; *or*
 - that the deputation not be received; *or*
 - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
3. A. deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the council assembly, her or his speech being limited to five minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her or him shall be invited to ask a question of the leader or relevant cabinet member.
4. After this time members may ask questions of the deputation for up to 5 minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public gallery where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Save Southwark Adult Learning

5. A deputation request has been received from Save Southwark Adult Learning (SSAL), the deputation request states:

'We are extremely concerned about the future of adult learning in Southwark following large fee rises, cuts in concessionary access and 'new learner' targets which are almost certain to herald the closure of many arts, crafts and well-being courses. As students who cannot now afford to continue with our studies, we would like to highlight the devastating loss these closures mean for people who rely on their classes for maintaining well-being, keeping active, maintaining community contact, and developing job-related skills. We would like to appeal to the council to designate all these course as three-term courses, to allow those on benefits to continue at concessionary rates, and to investigate all options to save this service.'

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

AUDIT TRAIL

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