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| <b>Item No.</b><br>2.3             | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>6 April 2011                        | <b>Meeting Name:</b><br>Council Assembly |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Deputation Requests                                 |  |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | All   |  |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance |  |

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear the following deputations:
  - Hawkstone Tenants and Residents Association
  - Southwark Mediation Centre
  - Friends of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park.

## 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

### **Hawkstone Tenants and Residents Association: A new secondary school in the Rotherhithe area**

5. A deputation request has been received from Hawkstone Tenants and Residents Association. A summary of the deputation request is set out below:

We are urging the council to re-think their decision 'not to build' a much needed new secondary school in the Rotherhithe area.

The issue of where a new secondary school could/should be located will also be part of the deputation content.

We are seeking a common ground deputation. Hawkstone TRA seek the withdrawal of Canada Water Area Action Plan 21 proposal site Rotherhithe Primary School from the Area Action Plan and Rotherhithe Primary School's withdrawal as the preferred location for a new school. The use of the Rotherhithe Primary School site was part and parcel of the regeneration of the Hawkstone Estate that was abandoned for the refurbishment option. Hawkstone TRA is not against a new school in the Rotherhithe area however the Canada Water Area Action Plan 21 Rotherhithe Primary School site is not suitable. We ask that the council write to the Inspector informing him of the change and that the council is starting again to select a new site for the new school.

The common ground appears to be:

- 1) Neither Rotherhithe Primary School or St. Pauls are appropriate sites, and both to be removed from the site selection procedure
- 2) A new school in Rotherhithe Area is welcome and supported
- 3) That a new school be carefully located in the Rotherhithe area away from traffic fumes and pollution, congestion and dangerous traffic, and on higher ground that is not a flood area.

#### **Southwark Mediation Centre**

6. A deputation request has been received from the Southwark Mediation Centre. A summary of the deputation request is set out below:

To raise the financial consequences and lasting impact on the community if Southwark Mediation Centre's services are not used by the council.

#### **Friends of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park**

7. A deputation request has been received from the Friends of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park. A summary of the deputation request is set out below:

In view of the presence of the Imperial War Museum in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park and the problems associated with over 3 million visits to the park alongside vagrants, rough sleepers, drunks, drug dealers and those with mental conditions and the proximity of 10 hostels, we and the Imperial War Museum ask Southwark to reconsider the proposal to withdraw the Ranger/Gardeners from Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park. They control many of these problems with their presence in a non-confrontational manner. We believe they are value for money and that the new set up will ultimately cost more because of the number of agencies that will have to be involved keeping the park a flagship for Southwark in the eyes of the world visiting the museum.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

| <b>Background Papers</b> | <b>Held At</b>                    | <b>Contact</b>               |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Deputation Request File  | 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 5LX | Lesley John<br>020 7525 7228 |

## AUDIT TRAIL

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| <b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b> |                                       |                          |
| <b>Title</b>  | <b>Comments sought</b>                | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Strategic Director of Communities,<br>Law & Governance                  | No                                    | No                       |
| Finance Director  | No                                    | No                       |
| <b>Cabinet Member</b>   | No                                    | No                       |
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