

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 12 October 2011	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the three groups listed in paragraph 6 of the report.
2. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear any of the other deputations listed in paragraph 7 of the report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The council assembly procedure rules state that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting, and deputations shall be considered in the order of receipt. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
4. 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.
5. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. One member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by him or her shall be invited to ask a question of the leader or relevant cabinet member. After this time councillors 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 seating area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation requests

6. The following deputation requests were the first three requests received. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.

1. Latin American Recognition Campaign.

The deputation request states:

'A new report entitled "No Longer Invisible", produced by Queen Mary College, London, revealed that the current Latin American population in London stands at 113,500 and most of them live or work in Southwark; however, we are not officially counted as we are not included in the monitoring forms of the local services providers and as a result our needs are not addressed. We would like to introduce our community, request to be recognised as an ethnic minority and to be included in the monitoring forms, talk about our achievements and request that our needs are addressed.'

2. Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum and Southwark Black Parents Forum Ltd

The deputation request states:

'Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum and Southwark Black Parents Forum Ltd, whom both of are very active community organisations in Southwark, are undertaking research coming from a grassroots level addressing the issue of:

Why is it that African heritage children, in particular Caribbean children, in Southwark are not achieving their full educational attainment level? How is Southwark Council going to contribute to the outcomes of the research to ensure the mechanisms are in place to support the families?

This is an area that Southwark Council has also identified as an issue for the education service.'

3. The Norwegian Church in London – St. Olav's Church

The deputation request states:

'In the light of the recent acts of terror in Norway, and as a response to the overwhelming support from all our friends in Southwark, it would be a privilege for us to be able to address the assembly to express our thanks and gratitude.'

Other deputation requests received by the deadline

7. If council assembly agrees to hear the three deputations listed above it would need to suspend council assembly procedure rule 2.6(11), which states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting, in order to hear any of the deputations from the list below.

The deputations are listed in order of receipt.

4. Peckham Shed

The deputation request states:

'We wish to talk briefly about who we are, how the Peace Wall started and what it is/was, the plans for the future of the Peace Wall and the young people we work with, the reason for the positive reaction to the Peace Wall and the positive effects from it.'

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

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