

<b>Item No.</b> 2.3	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 12 October 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Late Deputation Request	
<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 late deputation listed in paragraph 3 of the report, from residents in the Bermondsey Street area regarding the licensing policy (see item 6.2 on main agenda) and its impact on the area.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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 or hear a late deputation. The process for receiving deputations is set out in the main report.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Residents in the Bermondsey Street area regarding the licensing policy

3. The late deputation is from residents in the Bermondsey Street area involved in a number of resident groups in the area who say they "wish to make a very brief deputation to the council regarding the licensing policy and its impact on our area". The request also states:

"Our deputation wishes to highlight local residents' concerns about growing nuisance, noise, environmental degradation and crime – recorded and particularly unrecorded - as a result of the expansion of the night-time economy in Bermondsey Street. While Bermondsey Street has not been considered suitably problematic in official crime statistics to warrant an extension of the nearby 'saturation zone' (technical term: 'cumulative impact area'), this overlooks what is clearly a growing problem that must be addressed urgently.

"We believe the council should extend the saturation area without delay. To expedite this while emphasising the pressing nature of the problem, our deputation includes a member with national expertise on how this can be done as an adjunct to the new licensing policy once it is in place, so there is no bar to approval at tonight's meeting."

4. **Note:** The late deputation request was received after the deadline for receipt of deputations, therefore if council assembly wishes to hear the deputation it would need to suspend the following council assembly procedure rules:
- 2.6(11), which states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting.
  - 2.6(7), which states that an application for a deputation to be heard should be submitted no later than three clear working days before the date of the meeting.

#### AUDIT TRAIL

<b>Lead Officer</b>	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager
<b>Report Author</b>	Lesley John, Constitutional Officer
<b>Version</b>	Final
<b>Dated</b>	12 October 2011