

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 29 November 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. **Leathermarket Joint Management Board (JMB)**

The deputation request states:

“Leathermarket JMB would like to organise a deputation to the full council meeting on 29 November 2011. The purpose is:

- To showcase the successful work done by tenant managed organisations (TMOs), with great support from the council
- To highlight specific financial issues for TMOs, within the bigger picture of public sector cut backs
- To demonstrate how the cooperative model may enable the council to facilitate the building of new social housing, at genuinely affordable rents.”

2. Lollipop Campaign/Safe Routes to School

The deputation request states:

“This deputation is being made to exhort Southwark Council to commit to the permanent funding of the three threatened school crossing patrols in Dulwich.”

3. The 23rd Camberwell Scouts (St Giles) Scout Group

The deputation request states:

“The 23rd Camberwell Scout Group would like to make a deputation to the council about its possible eviction from its premises in the Gilesmead Estate, which are leased from the council. The property is now described as being commercial and the rent therefore is now £7,000 per annum which we do not have. The group is a charity whose only income is from donations and subscription. We would like the council to reduce the rent to a more affordable figure in keeping with the funds we can raise. If the group loses its premises, its whole future will be in doubt.”

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 the deputation listed below.

4. Southwark Trades Union Council

The deputation request states:

“Southwark Trades Union Council would like to take a deputation to address the assembly in advance of the debate on the motion on public sector pensions.”

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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