

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 25 January 2012	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 five 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 five 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. Save Your Riverside

The deputation request states:

“The impact of the proposed use of Chambers Wharf by Thames Water as an industrial site for seven years to build the Thames Tunnel – the impact is a serious one in a densely populated part of Bermondsey. The site is bordered on two sides by council estates. The celebrated Riverside Primary School, of which Peter John is Chair of the Governors, will feel the major impact of up to 90 lorry journeys daily for the duration of the building stage. The impact on small children will be horrendous and the school heads and parents are already up in arms about it. The site is totally unsuitable for what they propose. It is too small for their intended use so that they must build a coffer dam 50m wide into the Thames to remove the spoil by river. For three years they will be working 24 hours a day. There are alternatives to the use of this site in Bermondsey which we shall outline.”

2. John Donne Primary School, Woods Road, SE15 2SW

The deputation request states:

‘We would like to talk about energy efficiency and sustainability in public buildings and speak about what work we have already done.’

3. Transition Town Peckham (TTP)

The deputation request states:

“Post riot the local community have been pulling together to engage and motivate the residents to address and work together to prevent a repetition of these circumstances in the future.

In line with this TTP are concerned that low income families or the fuel poor are not always supported adequately or given opportunities facilitated by the council to provide them with access to a range of creative and flexible sustainable energy options to help lift them out of deprivation, gain energy efficient housing and to help them experience more social equality within their communities.

We would like to hear what the council has planned to address this issue?

We are also interested in the processes that the council are adopting to ensure that they maintain sustainable use of finances for future sustainability programmes by:

- factoring in the lessons learnt from the activities undertaken in the Peckham low carbon zone, for example.
- how will future programmes be rolled-out and extended across the borough and what are your plans for other parts of the borough with new initiatives.”

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. StreetLeaders

The deputation request states:

“The StreetLeader scheme was formed in 2003 and plays a vital role in improving and sustaining the local environment. It focuses on empowering residents to become StreetLeaders, taking an active role in their communities. The programme enables local people to take ownership of their communities, identifying and reporting issues to the council which provides a pro-active resolution for all. It also creates the opportunity for StreetLeaders to be part of a sustainable solution.

StreetLeaders actively undertake street and area audits across the borough. Some of the most common issues raised during the audits are blockage of pedestrian walkway, dog fouling and dog refuse bins. The issue of dog fouling and dealing with those concerned is an ongoing problem and the dog bin issue is now being addressed with normal litter bins being labelled as accepting dog litter. Overall the most common environmental issue highlighted is the blocking of pedestrian walkways with rubbish from businesses, advertising boards, over grown vegetation and general litter from the public.”

The deputation would like to raise the following issues:

1. “How can the council support and develop the StreetLeader programme in order to increase awareness of the scheme, encourage social responsibility and to assist with issues such as those above?”
2. “What are the council’s plans to encourage wider social responsibility as a way of contributing to a sustainable environment?”

5. City of London School

The deputation request states:

“The topic our spokesperson is going to talk about is; educating young people in Southwark about recycling and energy saving, and what the council’s responsibilities are in terms of recycling in schools.”

6. Southwark Association of Street Traders

The deputation request states:

“The Southwark Association of Street Traders are concerned with the current situation in respect of the future of street markets in Southwark, not least in the

decline of the numbers of traders actually trading resulting in the rapid decline of Southwark residents using street markets in Southwark.”

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

AUDIT TRAIL

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