

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 24 September 2012	Meeting Name: Peckham and Nunhead Community Council
Report title:		Deputation Request – Starlight Music Academy	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council area	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council consider a deputation request from representatives of Starlight Music Academy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
The deputation request relates to the closure of Peckham Settlement following its decision to enter into administration and the effect this has had on the operation of the Starlight Music Academy.
4. The deputation would like to inform the community council of their organisation's works does, and to request support.

Procedure for Deputations

5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda
5. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
7. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
8. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her

or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.

9. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments of the Strategic Director of Housing and Community Services (Head of Community Engagement)

Premises Issues

10. On 15 August 2012 the council was informed by the Chair of the Peckham Settlement that as a result of seeking independent advice on its financial situation the decision had been taken to go into administration. The Chair advised that taking this course of action would enable the Settlement to pay off its debts after which time the possibility of resuming some services can be determined albeit in a smaller and different fashion. The administrator was appointed and the building closed on 16 August 2012.
11. The Trustees had held discussions with groups using the building and with users of those services and expressed deep regret about the closure. The expectation of the Executive of the Settlement was also that, as part of the role of appointed Administrators, arrangements would be made for the transfer of projects based at the Settlement to local organisations if funders were in agreement that the projects should continue to operate. Where a project based at the Settlement has approached the council for help to re-locate, officers have provided assistance. A number of discussions have taken place with groups requesting such assistance e.g. Southwark Travellers Action Group (STAG) and Hourbank and suitable alternative premises and arrangements have been made.
12. At this time it would appear that Starlight Music Academy have not yet sought assistance from the council, particularly on potential alternative venues that would meet their needs. However, they have been in contact with the Volunteer Centre staff who offered Starlight some contacts to explore what premises may be available.
13. Officers can also ask individual services within the Council to see if there is spare space at any of the buildings they use. Starlight Music Academy will be advised that it is Council policy to charge commercial rent for any of its properties used by other organisations
14. Officers can be contacted on 020 7525 5571 (Ian Brinley – premises officer), 020 7525 7418 (Triumphant Oghre) and 020 7525 1579 (Katherine Pitt) commissioning officers.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Written correspondence received from Starlight Music Academy	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Beverley Olamijulo 020 7525 7234

AUDIT TRAIL

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