

<b>Item No.</b> 7.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 10 December 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Cabinet
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from local residents with regard to the claimed lack of signage indicating the location of the Rose archaeological site.
2. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from the Herne Hill Forum and Herne Hill Traders with regard to the issue of the problems that Herne Hill Traders are facing in the area following the devastating floods due to a burst water main in August 2013.
3. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from local residents with regard to their request to submit a proposal to government for the introduction of a local levy on large supermarkets within the borough.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

4. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, cabinet 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. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than five minutes. After this time cabinet members 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 area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Local residents with regard to lack of signage indicating the location of the Rose archaeological site**

6. The local residents have requested a deputation to draw attention of Councillors to lack of signage indicating the location of the Rose archaeological site and to request that this be rectified as soon as possible.
7. The deputation advise that the Rose Theatre was the first theatre to be built on the Bankside in 1587 and that the remains of the theatre (discovered in 1989) are a major tourist attraction. The deputation advise that many visitors to the site have complained of the difficulty of finding it as there are no signposts indicating

its location. Other attractions such as the Globe, Vinopolis, Borough Market, and the Golden Hinde are signposted. The deputation believe that the Rose should also be signposted.

### **Herne Hill Forum and Herne Hill Traders**

8. The deputation would like to raise the issue of the problems that Herne Hill Traders are facing in Herne Hill after the devastating flood due to a burst water main in August. The deputation advise that Herne Hill was an area being regenerated with new businesses starting up and a strong local community. The deputation have advised that the flood has set this back with potential long term damaging effects. The deputation want to ask the council for its full support in obtaining recompense from Thames Water that will ensure the community can restore the good work done by all in the area over the last few years.

### **Local residents request for a local levy on large supermarkets within the borough**

9. The areas the deputation wish to cover are set out below:
  - description of the impact that large supermarkets have on local community life within the borough and the related local economic situation
  - a brief explanation of something that could help the above situation: the case for submitting a proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act that requests that the council to be given the power to, if it so wishes, introduce a local levy on large supermarkets within the borough
  - detail of the background to this proposal: a similar levy has already been legislated for separately by the Northern Ireland and Scottish Parliaments early last year
  - detail of the support the proposal already has from other local authorities, e.g. Derby City Council, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and Enfield Borough Council
  - a request for the council to resolve to submit this proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act.

### **Community impact statement**

10. The Southwark Constitution allows for deputations to be made by groups of people resident or working in the borough.

### **REASONS FOR URGENCY**

11. The deputation requests were received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and are therefore eligible for consideration by cabinet as to whether or not to hear the deputations at this meeting.

### **REASONS FOR LATENESS**

12. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was midnight 4 December 2013, after the main cabinet agenda despatch on 2 December 2013. It has therefore not been possible to send out this report five clear days in advance of the meeting.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.11 on deputations (page 163):	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221 or Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395
<b>Link</b> <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/133/councils_constitution">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/133/councils_constitution</a>		

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

## AUDIT TRAIL

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