

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 November 2014	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from the Southwark Group of Tenants Organisation (SGTO) in respect of item 8, Update on Consultation and Plans for the Delivery of 11,000 New Homes.
2. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from the Aylesbury Leaseholders Action Group in respect of the Aylesbury regeneration programme as summarised in paragraph 6.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. 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.
4. 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

Southwark Group of Tenants Organisation (SGTO)

5. The deputation have submitted comments in respect of an item on the agenda, item 8, Update on Consultation and Plans for the Delivery of 11,000 New Homes. The representation from SGTO is attached as appendix 6 to this item (page 53 of the main agenda).

Aylesbury Leaseholders Action Group

6. The deputation have requested assistance with a number of outstanding issues relating to the Aylesbury regeneration programme with particular reference to leaseholder concerns. The main issues identified by the deputation relate to:
 - The fee cap on leaseholders' surveyors fees. The deputation would like the council to lift these caps

- A request that the council stop using council officers to conduct valuations and negotiations and appoint a person from the District Valuation Service to undertake this work
- Offer of shared ownership/equity for rehousing. It is felt by the deputation that very few leaseholders consider this as a realistic housing option
- A request that full valuation reports and agreed settlements should be made available to leaseholders and their representatives at all times
- Safety and security. The deputation feel that leaseholders are being left isolated in decanted blocks and are becoming concerned for their safety.

Community impact statement

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

REASONS FOR URGENCY

8. 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 at this meeting.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

9. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was midnight 12 November 2014, after the main cabinet agenda despatch on 10 November. 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	Virginia Wynn- Jones 020 7525 7055 or Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395
Link http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/133/councils_constitution		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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