

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 2 June 2015	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Request	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from local residents in respect of the council plan and community involvement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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.
3. 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 – Council plan and community involvement

4. A deputation request has been received from a group of local residents.
5. The deputation would like to address cabinet on behalf of the local community as they feel it is important to know what policies, procedures and processes are available to ensure, in the words of the council plan, 'a fairer future' and how this can be achieved from a community perspective and with community involvement. The deputation believe it is vital that the community have confidence in the system and are encouraged to put forward their own thoughts and solutions so that members and officers alike can consider them alongside the council's own proposals.
6. The deputation have also confirmed that they will be making representation for the council to follow the lead of the Local Government Ombudsman by setting up an advisory panel made up from members, officers, residents and businesses and then to form a advisory panel reference group. It was felt that given that many powers are delegated to officers they need to know how they will be monitored to ensure residents are treated in line with the commitment to ensure a fairer future with respect to "treating residents as if they are all valued family

members" that there is "openness, honesty and accountability" and that "money will be spent as if it were from our own pocket."

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

REASONS FOR LATENESS

9. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was midnight 27 May 2015, after the main cabinet agenda despatch on 22 May 2015. 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://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=04.6%20Cabinet%20Procedure%20Rules&ID=50000039&RPID=536134161&sch=doc&cat=13459&path=13459		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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