

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 July 2015	Meeting Name: Peckham and Nunhead Community Council
Report title:		Deputation Request – Peckham Pulse	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Peckham and Nunhead community council	
From:		Chief Executive	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council considers a deputation request from local residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The deputation request was submitted by local residents in the Peckham and Nunhead area.
3. 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.
4. The deputation states:

“Peckham Pulse, part of the borough’s leisure facility portfolio. The contract for the operation of this portfolio expires in June 2016 and the council “wishes to undertake a competitive tendering exercise to appoint a leisure management operator for an initial seven year period (to 2023)”.

The current operator, Fusion Lifestyle, who currently manages this and other Southwark leisure facilities, has left much to be desired.

Low standards and a series of very poor incidents at Peckham Pulse in Spring 2005 led to a large petition being drawn up over one weekend complaining about standards. Between 800 and 900 signatures testified to the strength of local feeling. The Council responded by setting up what it called the ‘User Group’, an ad hoc committee of volunteers asked to feed back on service delivery. There have been meetings between the Council, Fusion and the User Group that were held initially on a monthly basis and now reduced to quarterly meetings.

I would like to draw this and other matters with Peckham Pulse and its management to the attention of the community council.”

5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak for 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.

6. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
8. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
9. 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.
10. 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 Environment and Leisure

11. None.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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AUDIT TRAIL

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