

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 26 January 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the group(s) listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
3. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, council assembly 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.

This is agreed by way of the programme motion at the start of the meeting.

4. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. One member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by him or her shall be invited to ask a question of the leader or relevant cabinet member. After this time councillors may ask questions of the deputation for up to 5 minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public seating area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation requests

5. The following deputation requests have been received:

The group also have a petition request listed on the 27 January 2016 cabinet agenda, however they have stated that their preference is to speak at council assembly; if they are heard by council assembly they will forego presenting the petition to the cabinet.

1. Southwark Defend Council Housing

The deputation request states:

We believe that there should be a halt on the demolition of the Aylesbury estate. We cannot afford to lose any more council homes. This is especially urgent given the attacks on social housing in the Housing and Planning Bill. The Aylesbury should be refurbished. The council should mount a serious campaign of resistance to the Bill. We would like to suggest ways that the council, with others, can organise to defeat it.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

AUDIT TRAIL

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