

<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 15 November 2016	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Peckham and Nunhead Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Request – Traffic management functions at community councils	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All wards in Peckham and Nunhead	
<b>From:</b>		Proper constitutional officer	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council consider a deputation request from residents of the Lane ward.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A deputation request has been submitted by some residents living in the Lane ward.
3. The deputation states:

“We would like to make a deputation on behalf of some residents of the Lane Ward who oppose the council’s proposal to remove the ability for residents to formally consider traffic management schemes at community council meetings.

Our deputation would offer a unique perspective to the Peckham and Nunhead councillors and wider Peckham residents by being made up of residents who have been heavily involved in recent local traffic schemes.

We feel the removal of the ability for residents to formally consider traffic management schemes will reduce communication, cooperation and transparency on matters which directly affect our residents’ way of life.

We would ask the Councillors to reject the current proposal.”

4. 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.
5. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak 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 OFFICERS**

### **Proper Constitutional Officer**

11. The council has the responsibility for taking decisions on traffic management orders (TMOs), which regulate road movement and parking by updating or changing road markings, such as yellow lines and parking bays within the borough.
12. Currently, TMO decisions are taken by community councils. There are five meetings a year in each of the five community council areas. At each meeting, there is a section for public announcements and engagement, and a section later on for executive decision-making. This means that anyone who is interested in the TMOs must wait for the rest of the meeting to be dealt with before the issue they wish to hear about is brought up. As well, some TMOs are delayed because the community council that can agree them is some months away.
13. Southwark Council plans to change the decision-maker for TMOs to be the relevant cabinet member, which means that decisions can be made whenever they are needed. It also means that members of the public who are interested in a decision can:
  - contact officers or the decision-maker directly with any issues they wish to raise
  - engage with the statutory consultation sent out by the council
  - raise queries and concerns with their ward members.
14. As well as this, councillors from wards affected by TMOs will be contacted directly before the statutory consultation, and if at least two ward members ask for part or all of a TMO decision to come to community council for consultation, it will be put on hold and brought to the next community council meeting for their discussion. The community council's comments will then be taken into account by the cabinet member when taking the decision, as well as any comments from members of the public and individual ward members.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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