

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 July 2018	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups 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.
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:

1. **Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries, Save Southwark Woods Campaign**

The deputation request states:

"The Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries, Save Southwark Woods Campaign, request to make a deputation to Southwark Council assembly to explain why residents oppose Southwark's Cemetery Strategy and to call on Southwark to protect the cemeteries as nature reserves.

Burial in Southwark Cemeteries is coming at too high a price, necessitating:

- cutting down hundreds of trees across 12 acres of Camberwell Old Cemetery alone, a Grade 1 SINC for nature;
- destroying thousands of memorials of Southwark's dead;
- developing over WW1 and WW2 war graves and WW2 Blitz victims;
- digging up the dead and burying over their bones and in their graves;
- destroying a public asset for mental and physical health;
- excluding most of Southwark's 30,000+ Muslim and Jewish residents - as many as half of Southwark's known burial demand.

It is vital Southwark's councillors learn their strategy is out of date, destructive and unpopular with residents. There are no cemetery or woodland management plans in place, no Environmental Impact Assessments of the strategy or planning applications, no Southwark Burial Needs Assessment as recommended by Harriet Harman MP, no analysis of alternative burial options.

Southwark Council is appearing to ignore four years of public objection to plans, with a petition now over 15,000 names - including more than 5,000 Southwark residents - and more than 2,000 written objections to planning applications and public consultation exercises. The cemeteries should be saved as nature reserves because their 100 acres of woods, meadows and nature are a public asset for health, leisure and climate resilience worth more than £20m a year in benefits and services to the borough. They are Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, not manicured parks but havens of habitat, woodland and meadow ecosystems of great value to residents and the wider public - the very argument Southwark Council made in 2013 when applying to include them in the South London Green Chain extension."

## **2. Dodson and Amigo Hall TRA: Taking action on AirBnB**

The deputation request states:

"The Dodson and Amigo Estate, Cooper Close and Gerridge Court have been very much affected by the anti social behaviour and nuisance from AirBnBs.

For example, one house has had its sitting room turned into a five bed. Some AirBnB hosts are giving out estate security codes to guests. There have been reports of bottle-throwing from estate balconies and walkways. A number of guests have thrown loud, late night parties in flats. Many guests are not asked to arrive before 22.00 or to enter flats quietly – and some arrive in the middle of the night with wheeled suitcases. We suffer from this all year round."

## **3. Bankside Residents' Forum: Community infrastructure levy**

The deputation request states:

"Further to the pledges made regarding community infrastructure levy (CIL) by the current leader of the council at the election hustings on 24 April 2018, Councillor Peter John OBE, please could the following be verified:

1. That CIL will be allocated to projects prioritised by the community (residents, businesses, local stakeholders, and ward councillors)

2. That prioritisation will occur according to evidence of support from local residents and others, evidence of need and how the project is meeting that need.
3. That community CIL money (25% of CIL) will be spent nearest to where it accrued (giving regard to mitigating the impact on those nearest to the development from where the CIL has accrued).
4. That CIL will be spent within the ward it has accrued.
5. That CIL will be allocated to local organisations to be procured and delivered.

Will Councillor Peter John OBE and the relevant cabinet member meet with us and other relevant stakeholders in Bankside to discuss and progress the above?"

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055

## AUDIT TRAIL

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