

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 28 January 2020	<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 (if the matter is not dealt with by council assembly, the matter shall be referred without debate to the relevant cabinet member who shall after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender); *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. **Elephant and Castle Traders**

The deputation request states:

"Traders operating within in the red line drawn up by Southwark Council have concerns in relation to the relocation strategy, developed following the approval

of Delancey’s plans to redevelop the Elephant and Castle shopping centre site, and how it is being applied in their individual cases.

Overall there are concerns about the disparity between the different relocation options offered as we have noticed from the database of opportunities run by Southwark Council that the terms and conditions of the leases for the three main relocation sites (Elephant One, Castle Square and Perronet House) are very different, and the potential future tenants of Perronet House/Elephant Arcade see themselves as disproportionately affected in comparison to our neighbours and fellow traders in the Shopping Centre moving into the other two main relocation sites.

There are also on-going serious concerns about the inadequacy of the relocation fund amount offered given the costs borne by small and medium enterprises within the redline being much higher than the amount they could withdraw from the relocation fund. There is a real concern that traders are being cleansed out of the area as no trader has been offered a retail space in Elephant Park, despite there being an affordable retail strategy agreed with Lendlease in respect of this development."

## **2. Southwark Borough of Sanctuary**

The deputation request states

“Southwark Borough of Sanctuary was formed in October 2018 to campaign for Southwark to become a recognised Borough of Sanctuary. We work with all the main refugee and migrant support and advice organisations in the borough. We have held two public meetings and regular planning meetings, attended local community events to raise awareness and to date have collected over 400 pledges of support from individuals living or working in Southwark, and 30 pledges of support from local organisations. We have worked on the basis that it is important to build up grassroots support for the campaign first before the Council formally declares itself a Borough of Sanctuary. We welcome the spirit of the motion going to the Council Assembly tonight but feel more groundwork still needs to be carried out. In particular we feel the Council should work with us to identify an action plan based on measures that would make the Borough of Sanctuary a reality and that any declaration by the Council to be a Borough of Sanctuary should contain meaningful and practical commitments.”

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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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