

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 9 March 2021	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That cabinet considers whether or not to hear deputation requests from:
 - Leaseholders at Devon Mansions, Tooley Street
 - Lordship Lane residents and businesses
 - Dulwich Alliance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, cabinet 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 cabinet, 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.
3. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than five minutes. After this time cabinet members may ask questions of the deputation for up to five minutes. At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation will be shown to the public area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The deadline for receipt of deputation requests for this cabinet meeting was midnight 3 March 2021. These requests were received within this constitutional deadline.

Deputation requests

Leaseholders at Devon mansions, Tooley Street

5. A group of leaseholders from the Devon Mansions at Tooley Street wish to address cabinet in respect of the heat and fire alarms at this building, suggesting that this charge should not be levied for the following reasons submitted by the deputation as follows:
 - The pledge on Lakanal Inquiry and the correspondent legal advice submitted to the cabinet
 - the current public information of the website
 - The correspondence sent to leaseholders from a former officer with confirmation of non-chargeability
 - That the specification of the installation is not in line with the Fire Brigade recommendation, the installation protects LBS assets
 - That a S20 has not been served in spite that it was known for the past 13 years that it was needed, but decommissioned 10 years ago and not re-addressed
 - The rush of a questionable installation in spite the 10 years of lack of consultation for a suitable replacement and dozens of complaints of aggravation of the state of the buildings from the 2 missed cyclical works
 - Because it is not a legal requirement and the independent legal advice had not recommended it
 - Devon Mansions leases do not have sweeping clauses, which would not allow such charges, which had already been identified by London Borough of Southwark in 2015 through its legal advice, which publicly stated it.

Lordship Lane residents and businesses

5. Representatives of Lordship Lane residents and businesses would like to address cabinet in respect the experimental traffic / low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) measures in East Dulwich and Dulwich Village.
6. The deputation would like to query their perception that outside pressure groups and consultants seem to have an enhanced role in this process.

Dulwich Alliance

7. The Dulwich Alliance (an area-wide alliance of local groups, set up in December 2020) would like to request that the cabinet hear their deputation in respect of traffic issues in the Dulwich area.
8. The deputation are aware that Southwark are due shortly to announce a review and consultation on the Dulwich area emergency traffic orders and would like to give their thoughts on how such a review and consultation might be organised, to ensure that a fair and just solution is arrived at and taking account of the interests of all of the members of their community.

Community impact statement

9. The Southwark Constitution allows deputations to be made by groups of people resident or working in the borough.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.12 on deputations:	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Paula.thornton@southwark.gov.uk
Link (copy and paste into browser): http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s80630/Cabinet%20procedure%20rules%20November%202016.pdf		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

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