

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 24/02/03	Meeting Name Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Request: Grosvenor Tenants & Residents Association regarding 'Kids Company	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Camberwell Green	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Assembly decide whether or not to receive the deputation and should it agree to do so, at which meeting it should be received.

BACKGROUND

2. A request for a deputation has been received from the Grosvenor Tenants & Residents Association and the residents of the Grosvenor estate, Camberwell.
3. The deputation wish to discuss the situation at 'Kids Company', Grosvenor Terrace, following the failure of their appeals in the Courts against the decision of the Public Inquiry on refusal of planning leave held in October and November 2001. The project is due to leave its current premises on April 26th this year and the Tenants and Residents Association want to call upon the Council to enforce the planning law, to ensure that the project leaves the Grosvenor Estate. The Tenants and Residents Association have discussed this issue with their local Ward Councillors and with Harriet Harman MP and they now wish to bring the issue before the Council Assembly.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.7 (3) the request that a deputation be received stands referred to Council Assembly to decide whether or not it wishes to receive the deputation.

Council Procedure Rule 3.7 (9) sets out the procedures to be observed at Council Assembly meetings:-

Standing Order 24 (5) sets out the procedures to be observed at Council Assembly meetings:-

Composition of Deputations

The Deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including its spokesperson.

Speech on Behalf of the Deputation

Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the Council Assembly, her or his speech being limited to 5 minutes.

Questions

Members of the Council Assembly 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 5 minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.

Debate

At the conclusion of the questions, the deputation may remain (subject to any resolution excluding attendance of the public) but shall take no further part in the proceedings.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Joint Concurrent report of the Borough Solicitor and Strategic Director of Regeneration

5. Under the Council's Constitution responsibility for taking further action to ensure that Kids Company vacate their current premises on the expiry of the planning enforcement notice rests with the Planning Committee rather than with the Executive. The Development Control Committee resolved to serve an enforcement notice and institute legal proceedings on 26 September 2000.
6. The enforcement notice requires the use to cease by 26 April 2003. If inspection of the premises at Grosvenor Terrace after that date reveals that the use is continuing the Development Control Manager has delegated power to instruct the Borough Solicitor to commence legal proceedings. Those proceedings, including possible prosecution, will be carried out in accordance with the normal procedures of the Council.
7. In the meantime the Council continues to work with Kids Company to try to find alternative premises for the charity's operations. Details of properties within the council's own portfolio have been sent to them regularly and site searches carried out. A meeting has taken place with the deputy director of Kids Company, and a brief setting out their requirements has been prepared. The Property Division continues to search for suitable premises and has been in contact with other letting agents working in the private sector and with Spacia, Kids Company's current landlord. Because of the planning designation of the activities carried out by Kids Company, it may be necessary for a planning application for a change of use to be made once suitable alternative premises have been located.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

APPENDIX A

Audit Trail

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Strategic Director of Regeneration	Yes	Yes
Executive Member	No	No
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