

Item No. 4.1	Classification: Open	Date: 17.9.03	Meeting Name Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests : The Needs of the Disabled	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		ALL	
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 Darren Burns, Disability Consultant, on behalf of the disabled community.
3. The deputation states:-

'Further to my first deputation, and the assurances given in the Council meeting, I would like to initiate another deputation. This is due to the fact that that Councillor Richard Thomas who agreed to spearhead a group to initiate emergency changes in policy to facilitate the needs of the disabled, and concerning beaurocratic problems has not done what was agreed on behalf of the council.

Although Councillor Thomas visited the mobility forum he was unsuccessful in bringing together a group to facilitate these urgent changes. I was given very little notice of the meeting and consequently could not attend. Councillor Thomas reported back that he was unsuccessful due to lack of interest from those attending, however those attending including council officials differed in their opinion of the breakdown.

Regardless of these setbacks, nearly four months on the situation has worsened, more unnecessary tickets issued, and the disabled community is considering a different tact. I believe that it is imperative that a new appointee be urgently offered by the council in order to show their level of commitment to these matters, and prevent a further breakdown in the relationship between themselves and the community.

An urgent action plan needs to be formulated with a new liaison officer appointed.

This deputation is by myself, Darren Burns, Disability Consultant, User, and Yvonne M. Poulson, User.

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:-

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

6. **Comments of the Strategic Director of Regeneration**

To follow

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

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Support Manager (Executive)	
Report Author	Lesley John, Constitutional Support Officer	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Regeneration	Yes	No
Executive Member		
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