

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: 8.12.04	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear the deputation from Unwin Estate and Glengall Road residents.
2. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear the deputation from the Black Awareness Group (*Note: If council assembly wishes to hear the deputation, council assembly procedure rule 3.7 (1) needs to be waived for the reasons set out in paragraph 8 below*).
3. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear the deputation from the Community Radio Group (*Note: If council assembly wishes to hear the deputation council assembly procedure rule 3.7 (1) will need to be waived to allow the nominated speaker to address the meeting – see paragraph 11 below*).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. When considering whether to hear each 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*
 - Refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
5. 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 5 minutes. After this time members 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 gallery where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

KEY FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Unwin Estate and Glengall Road residents

6. Unwin Estate and Glengall Road residents wish to bring to the council's attention the hardship and injustice caused by the implementation of the Trafalgar controlled parking zone.

Black Awareness Group

7. The Black Awareness Group have requested a deputation regarding “the council's statement at the overview & scrutiny committee that Imperial Gardens was running at a loss and the potential for these comments to be discriminative.”
8. The council has advised the deputation that the issues around compensation for Imperial Gardens are being dealt with through a legal process, so that raising particular aspects of the case, i.e. the implications of the financial position of the company running the nightclub, at council assembly would seem inappropriate and contrary to council assembly procedure rules.
9. Ultimately, it is a matter for members to decide whether or not to accept the deputation request on the night. Officers will advise that the deputation is out of order (for the reasons given previously in paragraph 8) but council assembly may choose to suspend procedure rules and hear it anyway.

Community Radio Group

10. The Community Radio Group deputation concerns community radio stations in Southwark, how they operate, what they do and why they are important.
11. Mr. Raymond Stevenson is the nominated spokesperson for the Community Radio Station Group deputation. Council assembly procedure rule 3.7 (1) states that deputations can only be made by people resident or working in the borough. Therefore Mr. Stevenson technically has no right to speak on this subject, as he has no current residential or business interest in the borough. However in the past council assembly has waived this when it comes to deputations on Imperial Gardens, as this is a former business interest. Council assembly may or may not choose to do so on the community radio issue. The deputation has been advised to have a reserve speaker with an established connection to the borough, in case the meeting decline to accept Mr. Stevenson as the deputation's spokesperson.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments from the Strategic Director of Regeneration on the Unwin Estate and Glengall Road Residents deputation

12. Members are referred to the comments of the strategic director given in respect of motion 10.1 elsewhere on the agenda.

Comments from the Chief Executive on the Black Awareness Group deputation

13. To follow.

Comments from the Chief Executive on the Community Radio Station Group deputation

14. To follow.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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