



**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
(ORDINARY MEETING)**

THURSDAY MARCH 24 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA No.1

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NOTE: Please note that the above reports have not been circulated seven clear working days in advance of the meeting (council procedure rule 1.2 (1)). Therefore, in accordance with access to information procedure rule (5), the Mayor will be asked to accept the items as late and urgent.

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Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 24.3.05	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 the Black Awareness Group (please refer to paragraph 5 below).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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.
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 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 ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Deputation request from the Black Awareness Group

4. The Black Awareness Group wishes to make a deputation on Lord Ouseley's report.
5. Requests for deputations are available to groups of local people to express their views. In considering the admissibility of the deputation, there are two questions the council has to consider: first, when was the request submitted; and second, whether it relates to the specific business identified as the reason for calling the meeting. The date of the meeting was only confirmed on March 14 when the summons and agenda were circulated. Therefore the Black Awareness Group had no opportunity to submit their deputation in accordance with the normal formalities that require notice of nine clear working days. Also the group had already written to the council on March 10 requesting a deputation when they thought the meeting was scheduled for March 23. On the second point, the subject of the deputation request relates

to the specific business identified as the reason for calling the meeting i.e. Lord Ouseley's Review. Therefore the deputation request is placed before members to decide whether or not to hear the deputation. Members will need to consider the following points:

1. Waiving the relevant council assembly procedure rule on the submission of the deputation requests (council assembly procedure rule 3.7(3)).
2. Deputation requests are normally only available to "people resident or working in the borough". The council assembly has been previously advised of council assembly procedure rule 3.7 (1) that states deputations can only be made by people resident or working in the borough. Technically Mr. Stephenson has no right to speak as he does not have a 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 will need to consider whether it wishes to do so on this occasion.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Team Manager
Report Author	Vicky Baynes, Constitutional Team
Version	Final
Dated	22.3.05

ITEM 3 MOTION

AMENDMENT A

Moved: Councillor Peter John

Seconded: Councillor Tayo Situ

In paragraph 2

In line 2 **delete** “which are among the best in local government”

In line 3 **delete** “cannot” and **replace** with “must”

In line 3 **delete** “simply on its policies but also”

In line 3 at the end of the sentence **delete** “them” and **add** “these policies, in particular with reference to planning, regeneration and property services.”

Delete all paragraph 3

Motion as amended would therefore read:

“Council welcomes Lord Ouseley’s review of the Council Equalities and Diversity Framework and thanks Lord Ouseley for his work.

Council notes that Lord Ouseley found that Southwark has comprehensive equality and diversity policies, but that Southwark’s success must be measured on how it delivers these policies, in particular with reference to planning, regeneration and property services. In some cases the council has not succeeded in doing so. The council must be seen to deliver and gain the trust and confidence of all sections of the community by communicating and consulting with them.

Council recognises the key role for Members that Lord Ouseley highlights and urges all Members to accept their responsibility to ensure that the issues facing the communities of Southwark are addressed to the highest possible standard.”

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