

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> September 13 2006	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Chief Executive (Acting Borough Solicitor)	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from the, Maroons Resource Centre, Carers Group.
2. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from the Southwark Community Care Forum.
3. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from Southwark residents concerning the Downtown area development.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. When considering whether to hear the 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 ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Deputation request from the Maroons Resource Centre, Carers Group

6. The Maroons Resource Centre, Carers Group state in their deputation request letter:

“We wish to address the Southwark Council Assembly about the lack of adequate premises and resource facilities for BME mental health suffers in the borough.

“The present resource centre has failed the council's own health and safety and environment standards for use by vulnerable people. The resource centre was located in this industrial estate over 12 years ago. The evidence is that there is no real commitment by the council to improve the quality and level of service for BME mental health suffers in the borough. In the past,

every time premises have been identified, officers have found reasons for not using them.

“We would like to seek the comment of the council and a decision by members to relocate this centre to adequate premises as a matter of urgency. For this we wish to take a deputation to the next council assembly.”

#### **Deputation request from the Southwark Community Care Forum**

7. The Southwark Community Care Forum have stated they wish to address council assembly on the following matters:
- (i) The Children and Young People’s Plan and Early Years Vision and the role and participation of the voluntary sector;
  - (ii) The current situation of voluntary sector early years providers, including vacancy levels of each nursery, finances and other issues relating to occupancy levels; and,
  - (iii) How the council can assist the sector towards attainment of the vision for children in terms of funding and capacity building support.

#### **Deputation request from Downtown area residents**

8. Residents from the Downtown area have asked to address the meeting regarding the direction of the Secretary of State for Communities on the development of the area. The deputation request states:

“Many residents groups/ local people feel outrage that their local democracy and area is being pushed aside in favour of central government and people are not happy about the proposals to demolish the area and build multi storey buildings in a suburban area. It is generally felt that this is the wrong decision and people want to air their opinions to the council.”

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

9. Comments from the relevant chief officer will follow in a supplemental agenda.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Deputation Request File	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Cameron MacLean 020 7525 7236

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