

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> January 24 2007	<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 (Borough Solicitor)	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from a group of local residents concerning the violent crime strategy.
2. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from the East Dulwich Society concerning the closure of the Maudsley 24 hour clinic.
3. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from a group of Herne Hill residents concerning the closure by Royal Mail of the Herne Hill sorting office.

## 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 a group of local residents in respect of the violent crime strategy**

6. The deputation request from the group of local residents states:

“We are deeply concerned about the recent shootings and wish to urge the council and police to provide more resources to counter these criminal activities, also for the police and Licensing Authorities to take a tougher line on poorly or irresponsibly managed night clubs.”

## **Deputation request from the East Dulwich Society**

7. The deputation request from the East Dulwich Society states:

“The deputation will consist of individuals and local organisations deeply concerned about the impact of funding cuts in the National Health Service on the Maudsley 24 hour clinic, which is due to be closed.

“The proposed closure threatens the totality of local mental health service provision and will have serious implications for the Accident & Emergency services and staff at Kings College Hospital.

“It is important that our deputation is received on January 24 2007 because the Secretary of State, the Rt. Hon. Patricia Hewitt, is due to announce her decision about the proposed closure in early February; a date, that is, before the assembly meets again.

“It would be most helpful if the assembly could be persuaded to pass a motion supporting our non-political campaign and draw it without delay to the attention of the Secretary of State.

“You may be aware that a massive campaign has built up in support of the clinic. supporters include Southwark and Lambeth M.P’s, councillors in both boroughs and groups and individuals in public and private life.

“We hope that our deputation may be given the opportunity on January 24 to persuade the assembly that it is appropriate that Southwark Council should add its official voice to the call to the Secretary of State to reject the proposal to close this much valued clinic.”

## **Deputation request from a group of Herne Hill residents**

8. The deputation request from the group of local residents states:

“We want the council to join us in opposing the closure by Royal Mail of the Herne Hill sorting office and the transfer of services to Camberwell.”

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

#### **Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment & Leisure – Deputation on the violent crime strategy**

9. Please see item 8, motion 1 elsewhere on the agenda.

#### **Comments of the Strategic Director of Health and Community Services – Deputation on the closure of Maudsley 24 hour clinic**

10. Please see item 8, motion 7 elsewhere on the 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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