

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: March 28 2007	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director of Legal and Democratic Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from Southwark Law Centre.
2. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club.
3. That council assembly consider whether or not to hear a deputation from the Downtown Defence Campaign, Rotherhithe.

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 Southwark Law Centre

6. The deputation request from Southwark Law Centre states:

“We would like to speak in support of the motion from Councillor Paul Noblet against the legal cuts proposed by this government.”

Deputation request from the Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club

7. The deputation request from Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club states:

“Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club is a large expanding club which was formed in 1999, training teams of local boys & girls (250 children as members), from under 8 year olds to under 18 year olds two days a week and at the

weekends play matches in the Tandridge league/cup/trophy. It is an important part of the local community.

“Our changing rooms have been a continuous cause of concern but that has not stopped us from developing over the years. The POW hut (our "changing room") which was refurbished in November 2006 has now been condemned, which just about housed Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club's 10 teams, has been replaced by a storage container. The storage container is unsuitable to be used as a changing room for 10 teams.

“Not only are there high standards of health and safety at stake here, Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club is playing its part towards the children of Southwark having something to be proud of and the storage container sends out such a wrong message at more than one level. Ideally, we should have a purpose built home for our club, but until then, we think we deserve something better than a storage container.

“The current proposal for the long term changing room will also be a problem in the future. This is because the long term changing facility will be big enough to hold only 22 players, this is even smaller than the temporary POW changing facility. The park currently has 2 senior pitches, 1 junior pitch and 2 small sided pitches available morning and afternoon, that is a total of 136 players from the home teams alone who will want to use the changing rooms if all pitches are in use. The intended new permanent facility will be totally inadequate for the amount of children and adults who will want to use the changing rooms.

“The club would be grateful if the council would assist Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club to continue the good work that has already been achieved, as we at Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club are only trying to keep the youngsters of Southwark off the streets. The club not only provides exercise and football for boys and girls, but also provides “life skills”. To this end we are hoping to have workshops about teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, alcohol abuse and gangs. We are in an ideal position to reach out to these young people. Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club volunteers are CRB checked, first aid trained and are qualified to coach youngsters. The club continues to grow by training youngsters to be coaches themselves when they are 15+ and we have former members who are now teachers, police officers, professional footballers and some return to the club to coach and their children are now members with us.

“In the long term Southwark Caribb Youth Football Club would like its own ground.”

Deputation request from Downtown Defence Campaign, Rotherhithe

8. The Downtown Defence Campaign, Rotherhithe wishes to present a deputation to council assembly concerning the Secretary of State's direction to modify Southwark's unitary development plan regarding the suburban north zones as shown on the key diagram and proposals map (relating to the Rotherhithe peninsula, Herne Hill, East Dulwich and Nunhead), to become urban zones for the purposes of setting guideline housing densities.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

To follow.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

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