

## **Council Assembly (Ordinary Meeting)**

Wednesday 17 October 2012  
7.00 pm

Walworth Academy, 34 - 40 Shorncliffe Road, London SE1 5UJ

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# Agenda Item 2.2

<b>Item No.</b> 2.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 17 October 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Public Question Time	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

**1. QUESTION FROM PATRICK YORKE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Does the council fully abide by the agreements with "Five Estates plan" under the Peckham programme not to undertake to sell or dispose of its responsibility of Rosemary Gardens neighbourhood office, Sumner Road, SE15 to any interest outside the community partnership which legally still resides with the community of Peckham?

**2. QUESTION FROM JEFF KELLAND TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING**

What number of penalty charge notices issued by ACPOA on behalf of the council under the Traffic Management Act 2004 for the last year for which records are available was a representation received and what percentage were conceded as wrongly issued by parking when first challenged by residents?

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<b>Item No.</b> 2.3	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 17 October 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Requests on the Theme – Opportunities for young people, including youth employment	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly notes the deputation requests received for consideration by this meeting as listed in paragraph 3 of the report.
2. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the four groups listed in paragraph 8 of the report.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Deputations received for this meeting

3. The following deputation requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
  1. Bosco Centre
  2. Orchard Hill College
  3. Young people who received university scholarships from the council
  4. Southwark Youth Council
  5. Starlight Music Academy.
4. The details for the deputation nos. 1 to 4 on the themed debate are set out in this report. The details for the other deputation (no. 5) are set out in item 4.

### Procedure at the meeting

5. The council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting, and deputations shall be considered in the order of receipt. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
6. 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*
  - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
7. A deputation shall consist of no more than six people, including its spokesperson. One member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting for no longer than 5 minutes. The deputation spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by him or her shall be invited to ask a

question of the leader or relevant cabinet member. After this time councillors 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 seating area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Deputation requests on the themed debate**

8. The following deputation requests were the first four requests received on the theme. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.

#### **1. Deputation from the Bosco Centre**

This deputation request states:

“The Bosco Centre has been working for, and with, the young people of Southwark since 1985. We opened our ‘work based training college in 1996 and have helped many of the hardest to reach young people obtain qualifications and jobs. We have consistently graded at 2 by Ofsted. We deliver apprenticeships in youth work, ICT, business administration and childcare. Our young people are in the unique position of being able to address the council on the problems that they face in finding education and employment. The Bosco Centre has the unique position of having worked in this field for years and want to work towards solutions to these problems. We have an insight to the cause and also have solutions we would like to put into place based on our experience. We believe it would be interesting and informative to listen to the views of both our young people and the Bosco Centre.”

#### **2. Deputation from Orchard Hill College**

This deputation request states:

“We wish to talk about the work we do in providing learning and employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Orchard Hill College is a non-residential specialist college offering educational opportunities for students over 16 years with severe, profound and complex learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

In July this year our latest centre in Camberwell was officially opened by The Worshipful Mayor, Councillor Althea Smith and the Leader of Southwark Council, Councillor Peter John. The newly refurbished facility at Lomond House has seven classrooms with well-resourced teaching areas and state of the art IT technology and sensory equipment, a sensory garden, two shower rooms with hoists and disabled toilet facilities.

The college also has three centres in the London Borough of Sutton. All college centres are located in the heart of their local communities enabling students to develop long-term community and employment opportunities.

Students follow a personalised learning programme, supported by our highly trained staff team which reflect their individual aspirations, learning

needs and choice of progression destination, whether that be further learning, employment or supported living.

Orchard Hill College aims to integrate itself in the local community as much as possible in order to maximise opportunities available to our students with disabilities and enable them to become active members of the community. Our valued partnership with Peabody, both in our Hackbridge centre and now in our Southwark centre, gives our students important new connections with their local communities.”

### **3. Deputation from young people who have received university scholarships from the council**

This deputation request has been received from a group of local young people. The deputation request states:

“As you may know, Southwark last year was the first borough to award students with higher education scholarships. The scholarship scheme has received a lot of publicity and has made a great impact on the lives of the students who received the funding.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the people awarded a scholarship, along with five other students. We would be delighted to attend the assembly meeting to give a brief deputation on what the scholarship award has meant to us.

As the spokesperson of the team, I will cover the following areas:

- Why we feel the scheme is so important
- What the scholarship has meant to us
- The impact it has made on our lives.”

### **4. Deputation from Southwark Youth Council**

The deputation states:

“We would like to inform the council of our key priority issues and offer two proposals related to this. Southwark youth council would like to put forward two proposals in their deputation. The first is an annual Southwark Council event to celebrate young people’s achievement, not just academic to include sport, music, good citizen etc. The second is for the council to issue an annual next steps information pack for young people in years 11-13. This would include information on current local apprenticeships, contacts for work experience now that schools no longer have to offer it.”

### **Other deputation requests received by the deadline**

9. The other deputation requests received by the deadline are set out in item 4.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
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Director of Legal Services	No	No
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**1. QUESTION FROM RICHARD WALKER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

What is Southwark council doing in response to the level of hate crime endured by young people with learning disabilities?

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<b>Item No.</b> 4	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 17 October 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Other Deputation Requests	
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## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The full list of deputation requests received and the order in which they were submitted for this meeting is set out in item 2.3. The council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
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## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Other deputation requests

5. The following deputation requests were received on issues other than the subject of the themed section of the meeting. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.

#### 1. Deputation from Starlight Music Academy

The Starlight Music Academy have submitted a deputation request on the Peckham and Camberwell Area Action Plan (see item 5.1 elsewhere on the agenda). The deputation request states:



“On consideration of the area action plan we feel that whilst it goes some way to addressing the private sector housing and transport needs of the borough it actually falls short of meeting the needs of a significant section of the population, these are young people and particularly young people from the black and minority community.

This omission therefore we think possibly makes the plan a bit unbalanced and possibly not justified to meet the needs of all sections of the community.

Please take a look at the issues raised in the attached proposal which we consider goes a long way towards making the Plan fairer and has long term plans for creating opportunities for young people in Southwark.”

The deputation submitted a proposal which is attached as Appendix A.

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## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Starlight Music Academy

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# Feedback on the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan

## Background

Peckham and Nunhead is an area of considerable cultural diversity and has within its boundaries some of the largest concentrations of families and individuals from the Black and minority communities who are living below the poverty line. This profile is not likely to change over the next decade as shown by the racial profiles of local primary and secondary schools where in Harris Academy Peckham for example over 90% of children are from a minority background and statistics show that individuals from these groups are more likely to be unemployed. Despite this there is no strategy, or interventionist plan within the Area Plan to deal with it.

Although the council may have a strong commitment to equalities and *“improving access to employment for disadvantaged communities in Southwark by removing barriers,...supporting entrants to the labour market....building skills of Southwark’s workforce...”* current statistics shows that unemployment amongst young people from Black and minority communities has reached an all time high and is spiralling out of control. Unemployment rates for young people continues to rise and for young black men it continues to escalate.

According to the London Poverty Profile produced by the New Policy Institute, *“the [unemployment rate among young people](#) is at its highest level for nearly 20 years (23%) and is still rising. Despite, on average, being better qualified than other young people in the rest of England, young Londoners are more likely to be unemployed.”*

During the year 2000 when work first started on the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan, the UK unemployment rate stood at 5.3% whilst in Southwark it was 12.8%. Unemployment rates amongst the white ethnic groups were 7.8% compared to 17.2% for non white groups. Year on year unemployment has continued to rise standing at over 400,000 across London and to over 120,000 amongst young people who are struggling to cope with the brunt of the recession.

The impact that unemployment has on the lives of individuals and on the lives of families is widely understood but does not come through as a priority in the Area Plan that needs to be addressed, especially as the statistics and recent riots makes clear the extent of the growing problem and feelings of frustration.

When unemployment is looked at by group and by race, the group worst affected are young people from minority groups. Statistics show that 19% of whites 16-24 years are unemployed; this figure



rises to 44% of Londoners from Pakistani background and a staggering 55% for young Black men and rising.

It is therefore imperative to plan to address these emerging issues around youth unemployment as part of the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan in terms of both the physical infrastructure and in terms of the intervention programmes needed in Southwark if the plan is to adequately plan to develop a fairer community for all in a meaningful way

#### Infrastructural Plans for Young People

Over the past 15 years Starlight Music Academy has worked with 1000s of young people facing a range of complex challenges, including young people of colour. The main purpose of our work is to improve the quality of life for vulnerable groups of young people, to help them realise their skills, talents and worth and divert away from gangs and crime. Because we know that a child without a dream and who feels worthless is potentially a walking destruction to society and individuals within the community. The constant knockbacks and frustrations caused by unemployment and low economic prospects should not be under estimated.

The London Poverty Profile highlighted that "Poor children in London are more likely to [lack everyday items](#) than their counterparts outside London, with 60% of children in low-income families unable to afford a week's holiday away from home."

Starlight also wants to begin discussions with the Jamaican High Commission about youth exchange schemes.

Last year the country experienced the worst riots since the 1980s; young people vented out and released their pent up feelings of frustrations and anger. If society thinks these feelings have suddenly gone away then they are very wrong. Enterprise, Arts, and sports Hubs which are run by organisations that understand these groups, such as Starlight Music Academy, can go a long way towards effectively engaging unemployed minority groups

Families, particularly those from minority communities continue to be living in poverty. In 2002 Southwark had the fifth highest rate of benefit recipiency in London. High levels of benefit recipiency levels amongst minority groups have remained but masked now being masked by the influx of affluent homebuyers snapping up the 1000s of new properties being built in Southwark.

As well as planning to build new properties to allow affluent wage earners wanting to move from the suburbs in to inner city areas to be closer to jobs in the City, the Peckham and Nunhead Area Plan also needs to plan an infrastructure that addresses the needs of its existing residents and the children of its rate payers. The plan should include within its infrastructure plan Youth Hubs, Enterprise Hubs, Sports Centres, Arts and Cultural Centres, an evening and night economy to bring jobs in to the area to positively engage the tens of thousands of young people with low job prospects

The current Peckham and Nunhead area plan falls short of addressing these growing challenges facing Peckham and Nunhead and needs to be addressed within the document if it is to be representative, fair and relevant to the whole of Southwark's community.

### Starlight's Request

On behalf of the needs of young people in Peckham and Nunhead and towards creating a fairer community where all sections of the community are catered for within the Plan, it is proposed that:

- 1 The needs of young people are more adequately addressed within the area plan to address the growing trend of high unemployment levels amongst this group
- 2 The needs of young Black people are specifically addressed in light of statistics which evidence trends of high unemployment increasing and long term unemployment growing amongst this group
- 3 Starlight Music Academy is included as an Arts and Cultural Hub within the plan. Its 15 years experience of working with young people in Southwark places it at the forefront of addressing the needs experienced by young people and it has the skills needed to effectively work with this group.
- 4 The site of the old Wooddean that formally provided 316 council homes and which under the development is planned to provide 360 new private homes (page 173) should also include an Arts and Cultural Centre facilities therefore 'Required Land use' include the classification 'Class D' to allow for the facilities.
- 5 Any consideration for additional housing on the former Wooddeen site over and above the 360 new homes planned, for example the new 15 story building (page 173 of the Peckham and Nunhead Area Plan) should include a high propensity of one bed affordable social housing for young sofa surfer homeless group .
- 6 The site of the former Acorn Housing office is designated at 'Class D' to allow the Notting hill Developers to develop this building for community use under S106
- 7 The Peckham Cinema is maintained and that the cinema multi story car park (page 165) which has the potential to include leisure and entertainment facilities on two floors above the cinema to create a leisure complex in Peckham similar to Hippodrome Leicester Square comprising of bars, gaming, high end restaurant, lounge, entertainment, cabaret theatre, potentially bringing in businesses, tourists as well as an evening and night economy and much needed jobs for young people in Peckham.
- 8 The former Nunhead Nursery proposal for a new community centre should include plans for an adjoining Youth Enterprise Hub that allows access and use by young people who are the largest unemployed group in need of employment in Southwark.

We need to keep a grip on the young people we are trying to work with, we need a stable location, these successive moves experienced by Starlight and lack of opportunities for young people in the Plan are potentially destructive storing up future problems for the area. It also hampers our efforts of building the employability and social skills of our young people in Peckham and Nunhead.

Source

Peckham and Nunhead Area Plan

London Poverty Profile Facts report – New Policy Institute and Trust for London

Southwark Employment Strategy 2006

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