

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 July 2010	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Request – Tenants from Maydew House	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Rotherhithe ward	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from a group of tenants from Maydew House.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, cabinet 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.
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 area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.
4. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. A deputation request has been received from a group of tenants at Maydew House in respect of an item to be considered elsewhere on this agenda. The tenants have highlighted a number of concerns relating to any proposed sale of Maydew House to private developers.
6. In summary the deputation have stated:
 - That further options should be presented with regard to the future of Maydew House.
 - That an action plan should be prepared for Maydew House (5-10 years) allowing tenants to remain in their homes with a phased programme of works.
 - That many flats do not contain asbestos, thereby querying the need to move tenants out of the block.

- That Maydew House is a safe place to live with minimal crime and as such should become a flagship for public housing and an example of what a good community is in Southwark.
 - Concerns relating to any re-housing and accommodating tenants needs (with specific reference to storage) and managing expectations for re-housing.
 - That the refurbishment costs for Maydew House are 'exaggerated'.
7. A copy of the letter from Maydew residents has been circulated separately to all cabinet members.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

8. To follow.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Correspondence from Maydew House Tenants	160 Tooley Street London SE1	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221 / Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Constitutional Manager	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	Yes	To follow
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