

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 February 2023	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That cabinet considers whether or not to hear a deputation request from Bede on item 8, Abbeyfield Estate – A way forward.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. When considering whether to hear deputation requests, cabinet can decide:
 - To receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; or
 - That the deputation not be received (if the matter is not dealt with by cabinet, the matter shall be referred without debate to the relevant cabinet member who shall after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender); 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 five minutes. After this time cabinet members may ask questions of the deputation for up to five 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.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The deadline for receipt of deputation requests for this cabinet meeting was midnight 31 January 2023. This request was received before this constitutional deadline.

Deputation request

Bede on Abbeyfield Estate – A way forward

5. The deputation would like to address cabinet to explain the impact on Bede's day-to-day work both in the short term as building work is happening and on Bede's permanent home as part of the Abbeyfield

estate. Bede advise that they are currently limited in their activities by the hoardings around the estate, and by the fact that Maydew Tower is vacant. Bede have advised that they are developing projects to improve the appearance of the area around the centre, and look forward to supporting community activities and fun days on the wider site as they have in the past. Bede confirm that they are very keen to work with local residents and the council to keep the area welcoming and well cared-for, whilst building work is in progress.

6. Bede would also like to speak to cabinet about the importance of preserving Bede's permanent home in the estate. The Bede Centre was built as an integral part of Abbeyfield, and has always had a home with strong links to Southwark Park. Bede advise that have a history going back over 50 years in this one location, and the relationships and understanding that comes from is difficult to be conveyed in written report. Bede appreciate the opportunity to speak to cabinet about the ways in which these deep roots underpin the services that run from the centre and that have been developed over very many years.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.12 on deputations:	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Paula.thornton@southwark.gov.uk
Link (copy and paste into browser): http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s80630/Cabinet%20procedure%20rules%20November%202016.pdf		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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