

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 12 July 2023	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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.
3. 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 (if the matter is not dealt with by council assembly, 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.
4. 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

5. The following deputation requests have been received:

1. Kirby Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association

The deputation request states:

"Kirby Estate has been suffering from increased damp and mould and cold flats since the installation of new windows as part of the Quality Homes Investment Programme (QHIP) Major Works in 2020. Since then, but particularly after the constitution of our TRA in September 2022, the tenants and residents of Kirby Estate have been asking Southwark Council to review this installation and take remedial action to fix the problem. On 27 May 2022, an inspection was carried out by a Technical Consultant from International Glass Associates, who found "high priority" issues requiring remedial works in all the flats inspected but also claimed that the build-up of mould post installation was due to extreme cluttering and lack of ventilation and air-circulation, to which we disagree.

We believe that the exponential increase in mould and dampness derives from the wrong use of add-ons to fit the window frames to the brickwork, which is something that a Technical Consultant is not necessarily qualified to assess. With the support of our Councillors and MP, we secured a visit from a Building Control Officer in April 2023. Unfortunately, to this date the Building Control department has not produced a report. Instead, they have referred the LBS Major Works Team to the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme (FENSA; the self-regulated body in charge of certifying window installations), who had previously approved the whole installation based on one single pre-completed flat in summer 2020. FENSA, however, claims that they do not mediate in disputes which are of a cosmetic or contractual nature and suggest that another independent company is employed to carry out an inspection. At this stage, no progress has been made and we face another winter of cold, mould, damp, sickness and exorbitant heating costs.

We appeal to the assembly for their support in getting a Building Control report on the defects of the installation, so that Southwark Council can move forward and take the appropriate steps to fix the problem."

2. Nunhead residents

The deputation request states:

"In our deputation, we will cover the council's plans to introduce controlled parking zones (CPZ) in the Nunhead and Queen's Road and Peckham Rye Wards. We represent many local residents who are unhappy with the council's plans. We will voice our support for the objectives of the Streets for People plan and ask the council to consider if the CPZ is the best way to achieve these goals."

3. Sonay Ozkutayli

The deputation request states:

“I would like to formally request that I am permitted to make a deputation regarding a matter that falls within the responsibility of the council.

Mint Street Park regeneration was funded by s106 agreements & capital receipts, which are all derived from publicly funded income, therefore placing the obligation upon Southwark to ensure that the intention of monies used and outcome were for community infrastructure betterment.

It is the opinion of myself and this deputation that, on the contrary, the use of the building itself is no longer providing the open community space it once did and is only available to select groups and therefore not within the parameters with which the funding was released.

Intentional or ineffective administrative procedures and financial levies for the use of our community funded building has created a barrier that has in fact seen a sharp decline of use from other individuals. residents, small or voluntary organisations.

- Can this be allowed to continue?
- How do the council propose to ensure that all groups, especially vulnerable and marginalised groups have access to the space?
- Have the Council completed an audit to ascertain community usage prior to regeneration and post regeneration?
- Will the Council seek to establish easier, fairer and more equitable processes to ensure the community has access to the space?”

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055

AUDIT TRAIL

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