

Item No. 2.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 November 2023	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Petitions: Nunhead, Peckham Rye, Dulwich & Remaining Areas of Southwark - Protest Against the CPZs; Save Kintore Way Nursery School	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly consider petitions from:
 - a. “Nunhead, Peckham Rye, Dulwich & Remaining Areas of Southwark - Protest Against the CPZs” regarding the implementation of CPZs across Southwark
 - b. Unison Southwark regarding the cuts to Kintore Way Nursery School.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A petition containing 1,500 signatures or more maybe presented to the Mayor at council assembly. A petition can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Petitions must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the petition will be invited to speak for up to five minutes on the subject matter. Council assembly will debate the petition for a period of up to 15 minutes and may decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting.
4. Council assembly should decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. A decision could be made to:
 - Take the action the petition requests
 - Not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or
 - To commission further investigation into the matter.
5. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. A petition containing over 2,400 signatures has been received from the “Nunhead, Peckham Rye, Dulwich & Remaining Areas of Southwark - Protest Against the CPZs” campaign. The petition states:

“We have written a letter to the council on behalf of all Southwark residents, visitors and small businesses, and we need everyone to sign it. The letter is from all who believe the implementation of CPZs in their areas is unnecessary and not aligned with the wishes of the local community, especially in areas where parking stress is not a concern.

This applies to areas already with a CPZ, to those currently in progress and to areas yet to start the process. Under Southwark's plans there will be CPZs across the whole borough by 2025.

Letter Summary

- We argue that the Council has no legal basis or proper purpose for imposing the CPZs, and that it has failed to consult with the affected residents and businesses.
- We cite the relevant statutory provisions and authorities that limit the council's power to impose CPZs, and accuse the Council of acting for improper purposes such as raising revenue, punishing car owners, and imposing its ideological views on parking.
- We point out the negative impacts of the CPZs on the residents and businesses, such as
- inconvenience loss of trade, damage to conservation areas, and spill-over parking.
- We request further information from the council on its legal advice. its parking account, and its reports to the Mayor on its parking income and expenditure.
- We invite the council to halt the illegal project and debate the points raised at the next meeting, or face a potential judicial review by the residents.”

7. A petition containing over 1,750 signatures has been received from the “UNISON Southwark says save Kintore Way Nursery School” campaign. The petition states:

“UNISON Southwark is calling on Southwark Council to reverse the damaging cuts that could see a nursery school unable to support some of its most vulnerable students.

Just weeks after being rated Outstanding by Ofsted, staff at Kintore Way Nursery School and Children’s Centre are being threatened with redundancy and worse working conditions. Even though 45 per cent of students have special educational needs (SEN), up from 22 per cent two years ago, staff are being threatened with the deletion of thirty four posts to create nineteen new ones which offer “greater flexibility”. This is a classic example of fire and rehire: forcing staff to take new posts that offer worse conditions and pay.

Due to the way that funding is accessed in the education sector, money for SEN pupils sometimes bypasses the nursery schools and goes straight to their primary school when pupils start there, without any backdated payments for the nursery. The nurturing environment of the nursery before SEN pupils start Reception is crucial to their development.

Staff have raised serious concerns about the wellbeing and safeguarding of these students if there are fewer staff to support, given the varied and complex needs of these pupils. With more than £20m available in Southwark Council's schools balances reserves and dedicated schools grants reserves, it is unclear why investment cannot be made to protect the wellbeing of some of Southwark's most vulnerable pupils."

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Petition Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.4, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance	No	No
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