

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 February 2024	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 deputation request from PLUSHSE16.

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 2024. This request was received before this constitutional deadline.

Deputation request from Plush SE16

5. The deputation wish to address cabinet to ask for assistance following their recent eviction from their premises on 16 January 2024. The deputation are requesting:

- **Immediate relocation for job preservation**

The council is requested to exert pressure on the developers and developments for immediate renegotiations for business relocation solution, ensuring the preservation of the jobs of 20 local independent people who form the collective backbone of our community at PLUSHSE16.

- **Collaborative ownership and reinstatement**

The council are requested to collaborate with the owners of PLUSHSE16 and the wider SE16 community to explore avenues for ownership of the land. The owner's vision includes the reinstatement of PLUSH at the current site, safeguarding a vital community space and building on our PLUSHSE16 and HUBSE16 vision.

- **Community-centric planning permission**

The deputation seek a commitment from the council that no planning permission will be granted without meaningful consultation with the community. This ensures that the voices of the residents, who have built and sustained PLUSHSE16 over the years, are integral to any future development plans.

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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Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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