

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 July 2011	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from a group of individuals concerning funding cuts to the Pumphouse Educational Museum.
2. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from community representatives in respect of cycling provision in the Transport Plan (see item 11 elsewhere on the agenda).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. 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.
4. 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 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

Pumphouse Educational Museum – Funding

5. A deputation request has been submitted by a group of individuals concerning funding cuts to the Pumphouse Educational Museum. The deputation request was originally submitted to council assembly for consideration on 6 July 2011. Council assembly referred the deputation request to the next meeting of the cabinet.

Community representatives – Cycling and Transport Plan

6. A deputation request has been received from community representatives in respect of cycling provision in the Transport Plan. The deputation have indicated that their request is supported by Southwark Friends of the Earth, Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Green Enthusiasts, People's Republic of Southwark and two individual respondees to the Transport Plan consultation.

7. The deputation wish for approval of the Transport Plan to be deferred to allow the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling to meet relevant community representatives to discuss how the plan could be improved in relation to making Southwark safer for children, adults and pensioners to cycle.
8. The deputation, in their request letter have expressed concern at the following paragraph contained a letter received from the council on 11 July 2011 in respect of consultation on the transport plan:

“The transport plan advocates road users interacting and only in exceptional circumstances would a provision of a physical barrier between cyclist and other forms of traffic be supported. We feel that by segregating cyclists this can encourage an increase in vehicle speeds and, by default, reducing safety, however this is viewed on a case by case basis. For the same reason, the council have decided not to focus on a ‘network’ of cycle routes, but to make all roads safe and attractive to cyclists”.
9. The deputation are concerned that this means officers are abandoning the council’s previous commitments to implement a local cycle network that would feed into the Mayor’s strategic cycling network.
10. The deputation state that they feel it also contradicts the recently adopted Southwark Plan which requires developers to provide space for safe cycling in all new developments.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

11. The deputation request from the Pumphouse Education Museum was referred from council assembly on 6 July 2011. The group confirmed their intention to present the deputation at cabinet after the deadline for receiving deputation requests (three clear working days in advance of the meeting). Council assembly referred the deputation request to the next meeting of cabinet.
12. The deputation request from community representatives was also received after the deadline. The request relates to the Transport Plan which is due to be considered at this meeting of the cabinet.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

13. It has not been possible to circulate this report five clear days in advance of the meeting as the requests were received after the main agenda despatch.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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