

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests on the Theme – Health in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly notes the deputation requests received for consideration by this meeting as listed in paragraph 3 of the report.
2. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups listed in paragraph 8 of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Deputations received for this meeting

3. The following deputation requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
 1. Closure of local nurseries
 2. Southwark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Network - Health in the community
 3. Air Quality
 4. Cooltan Arts - Issues affecting people with mental ill health in the borough
 5. NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the council's new public health duty & significant Opportunities
 6. Walworth Society - The sale of the Manor Place Terrace site in Newington Ward.
4. The details for the deputations on the themed debate are set out in this report. The details of the other deputation are set out in item 4.

Procedure at the meeting

5. The council assembly procedure rule 2.6 (11) states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting, and deputations shall be considered in the order of receipt. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
6. 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; *or*
 - to refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.

7. 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 on the themed debate

8. The following deputation requests received on the theme are listed in order of receipt.

1. **Deputation from the Southwark Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Network to the Assembly discussion on health in the community**

The deputation request states:

The local authority has key responsibilities under the equality act to ensure equity of provision for all of Southwark's diverse community, including its lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community (LGBT).

The responsibilities for public health moving to local government in April 2013, include a range of areas where there is evidence of enhanced need in our LGBT community, although these have not historically been recognised in the joint strategic needs assessment beyond sexual health and HIV prevention.

The local evidence demonstrates significant health challenges affecting our communities, including:

- Increased rates of smoking and substance misuse
- Increase rates of suicide, self harm and depression
- Increased rates of domestic violence and crime
- Increased rates of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases
- Increased social isolation in older age.

There is national and international evidence which demonstrates the important links between discrimination and health behaviours and outcomes, particularly mental health. There is also a good evidence base demonstrating the importance of both targeted services for LGBT communities and tailoring of universal services to increase access and quality of services to improve access and acceptability.

The deputation seeks to make the assembly aware of the needs of the local LGBT community in Southwark in order to influence their discussion on health in the community.

2. **Deputation on air quality**

This deputation request has been received from a group of local residents. It states:

Poor air quality hasn't been chosen as one of Southwark's four health priorities, but it is one of the major causes of serious ill health. Research by the Department of Health's advisory committee on the medical effects of air pollutants has found that air pollution causes significantly more premature deaths than alcohol and obesity, and that it exacerbates symptoms faced by people with asthma and heart disease. Given that most of Southwark is an air quality management area, we would like to present the evidence and the need for air quality to be considered when supporting families to improve their health and promoting exercise. For example, it can be counter-productive to promote exercise in polluted areas during an air pollution episode, and there are steps the council can take to account for this.

3. Deputation from CoolTan Arts

The deputation states:

We would like to raise issues affecting people with mental ill health in the borough including:

The assessment process for personal budget allocation has/is taking too long

- Leaving people often in a state of anxiousness which can lead to crisis, often being picked up by the voluntary sector.

The need for intervention before crisis

- Strategies for achieving this through strong high quality community based activity/intervention; adequately funded and recognised.

4. NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

The deputation states:

From April 2013, the majority of NHS services in Southwark will be commissioned by the GP-led Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Every GP practice in Southwark will be a member of the CCG, and the CCG is at this time working towards being authorised for this important new role. The CCG will be a key partner in Southwark, and a member of the shadow health and wellbeing board. There are significant opportunities with this new organisation, with the local patient-knowledge and expertise that GPs bring from their day-to-day work, and in working with the council, notably with the new public health duty that the council will have, on our common agenda to improve the health and wellbeing of the borough.

Other deputation requests received by the deadline

9. The other deputation requests received by the deadline are set out in item 4.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Deputation Request File	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228
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