

Item No. 2.3	Classification: Open	Date: 17 October 2012	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Requests on the Theme – Opportunities for young people, including youth employment	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

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 four 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. Bosco Centre
 2. Orchard Hill College
 3. Young people who received university scholarships from the council
 4. Southwark Youth Council
 5. Starlight Music Academy.
4. The details for the deputation nos. 1 to 4 on the themed debate are set out in this report. The details for the other deputation (no. 5) 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 were the first four requests received on the theme. The deputations are listed in order of receipt.

1. Deputation from the Bosco Centre

This deputation request states:

“The Bosco Centre has been working for, and with, the young people of Southwark since 1985. We opened our ‘work based training college in 1996 and have helped many of the hardest to reach young people obtain qualifications and jobs. We have consistently graded at 2 by Ofsted. We deliver apprenticeships in youth work, ICT, business administration and childcare. Our young people are in the unique position of being able to address the council on the problems that they face in finding education and employment. The Bosco Centre has the unique position of having worked in this field for years and want to work towards solutions to these problems. We have an insight to the cause and also have solutions we would like to put into place based on our experience. We believe it would be interesting and informative to listen to the views of both our young people and the Bosco Centre.”

2. Deputation from Orchard Hill College

This deputation request states:

“We wish to talk about the work we do in providing learning and employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Orchard Hill College is a non-residential specialist college offering educational opportunities for students over 16 years with severe, profound and complex learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

In July this year our latest centre in Camberwell was officially opened by The Worshipful Mayor, Councillor Althea Smith and the Leader of Southwark Council, Councillor Peter John. The newly refurbished facility at Lomond House has seven classrooms with well-resourced teaching areas and state of the art IT technology and sensory equipment, a sensory garden, two shower rooms with hoists and disabled toilet facilities.

The college also has three centres in the London Borough of Sutton. All college centres are located in the heart of their local communities enabling students to develop long-term community and employment opportunities.

Students follow a personalised learning programme, supported by our highly trained staff team which reflect their individual aspirations, learning

needs and choice of progression destination, whether that be further learning, employment or supported living.

Orchard Hill College aims to integrate itself in the local community as much as possible in order to maximise opportunities available to our students with disabilities and enable them to become active members of the community. Our valued partnership with Peabody, both in our Hackbridge centre and now in our Southwark centre, gives our students important new connections with their local communities.”

3. Deputation from young people who have received university scholarships from the council

This deputation request has been received from a group of local young people. The deputation request states:

“As you may know, Southwark last year was the first borough to award students with higher education scholarships. The scholarship scheme has received a lot of publicity and has made a great impact on the lives of the students who received the funding.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the people awarded a scholarship, along with five other students. We would be delighted to attend the assembly meeting to give a brief deputation on what the scholarship award has meant to us.

As the spokesperson of the team, I will cover the following areas:

- Why we feel the scheme is so important
- What the scholarship has meant to us
- The impact it has made on our lives.”

4. Deputation from Southwark Youth Council

The deputation states:

“We would like to inform the council of our key priority issues and offer two proposals related to this. Southwark youth council would like to put forward two proposals in their deputation. The first is an annual Southwark Council event to celebrate young people’s achievement, not just academic to include sport, music, good citizen etc. The second is for the council to issue an annual next steps information pack for young people in years 11-13. This would include information on current local apprenticeships, contacts for work experience now that schools no longer have to offer it.”

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
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

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