

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 November 2013	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Deputation Requests	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That cabinet consider whether to hear a deputation from the Southwark Association of Street Traders together with the Chair of Walworth Town Team in respect of issues relating to Walworth town centre, including East Street Market.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 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.
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

Southwark Association of Street Traders together with the Chair of Walworth Town Team

4. A deputation request has been submitted by the Southwark Association of Street Traders together with the chair of Walworth Town Team. The deputation wish to address the cabinet on issues relating to Walworth town centre, including East Street Market and adjoining streets, which they state have been severely hit by the loss of local residents through the decanting of the Heygate Estate, the decanting of the Aylesbury Estate, and the loss of local jobs. The deputation state that the appearance of the area is also very poor with the more recent fire damage at the Walworth Town Hall adding to the image.
5. The deputation state that the situation has led to continuing poor trade for local shops, market stalls and other businesses. Many shop based businesses have closed down because the previous owners could not meet the rising fixed costs of business rate, rents and energy costs, with declining sales and profit margins. It is stated by the deputation that there has been a significant loss of market traders and many shops have been replaced by payday loan shops and gambling places.

Community impact statement

6. The Southwark Constitution allows for deputations to be made by groups of people resident or working in the borough.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

7. The deputation request was received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and is therefore eligible for consideration by cabinet as to whether or not to hear the deputation at this meeting.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

8. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was midnight 13 November 2013, after the main cabinet agenda despatch on 11 November 2013. It has therefore not been possible to send out this report five clear days in advance of the meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.11 on deputations (page 163): http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/133/councils_constitution	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221 or Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395

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