

Item No. 4.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the group listed in paragraph 5 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly procedure rule 2.6.11 states that no more than three deputations shall be considered at any one meeting. However the meeting can decide to suspend this rule in order to hear more or vary the order.
3. 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.
4. 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 request

5. The following deputation request has been received:

In support of Southwark residents living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND)

We would like to request that Southwark Council adopt the MND Charter in order to positively influence the lives of people living with MND and loved ones within the community.

While the much needed research is carried out to find a treatment and eventually cure for MND, we need to focus on the care that those suffering with MND receive, which is the right care in the right time. This is the aspiration of the MND Charter.

The MND charter is made up of 5 steps:

1. The right to an early diagnosis and information
2. The right to access quality care and treatments
3. The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
4. The right to maximise their quality of life
5. Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

While councils aren't responsible for everything outlined in the MND Charter, they are a vital part of the jigsaw. Various decisions made by local councillors can have significant impact regarding the services and care available for people with MND, such as social care, housing adaptations and support for carers.

When services are provided in a timely person-centred way, this has a hugely positive impact on the person with MND and their family. I know this from personal experiencing of caring for my dad with MND.

If the council were to adopt and 'live' the Charter, it could prove a positive not only to people with MND but also to all the other neurological diseases/conditions that are not as aggressive and fast progression/deterioration as MND. If we can get it right for people with MND, we can get it right for many other people.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Council Assembly Procedure Rule 2.6, Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Virginia Wynn-Jones 020 7525 7055

AUDIT TRAIL

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