

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 30 November 2016	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether or not to hear a deputation from the groups 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 requests

5. The following deputation requests have been received:

#### 1. Southwark Citizens

The deputation request states:

**About us:** Southwark Citizens is a local alliance branch of Citizens UK, a charity that organises communities to act together for power, social justice and the common good. We have developed together with the London-CLT the first Community Land Trust (CLT) in the capital to sell homes, starting with our flagship project at St Clements in Mile End.

**About our topic:** Community Land Trust (CLT) provides genuinely and permanently affordable homes, offering one way to address the growing gap in the housing market between people who qualify for social housing and those who can afford to buy a home on the open market. Furthermore, we do so in a way that does not require government subsidy or a reduced profit margin for developers.

## **2. Women Against State Pension Inequality**

Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaigns for transitional arrangements to support the cohort of women bearing the brunt of State Pension changes, without sufficient notification to plan for the loss of up to six years pension. The deputation is being led by the South London WASPI group, and the women in this cohort living in Southwark are affected.

In 1995, legislation was passed putting the State Pension Age back by five years, for women born after April 1951. This was to be gradually implemented, so that by 2020 the statutory pension age (SPA) would be 65 for everyone. Unfortunately the women first affected were not formally written to about this change until 2011. Many have never received a letter notifying them. The timetable was escalated in 2011 and additionally the SPA was put back for women and men to 66, adding a further 18 months delay for hundreds of thousands of women, Again, the people affected were not formally notified.

Austerity has meanwhile disproportionately affected older women, whose jobs for example in admin, childcare and social care, health and education have been cut back. This is a generation of women who largely left school at 15 or 16 and have brought up our families, worked for low wages and paid NI contributions for over 40 years.

I would be very glad to have the opportunity to briefly explain the impact of the changes in state pension age on the cohort of 1950s-born women who are affected.

## **3. Dulwich Village Forum**

As members of the new Dulwich Village Forum, which aims to bring together all residents, local businesses and schools in the Dulwich Village area, we would like to stress to councillors the importance of three recommendations attached to the recent Individual Decision Maker (IDM) decision on Quietway 7. There is concern that unless these three recommendations are fully considered and carefully implemented, the aims of the Quietway are seriously threatened, and less confident cyclists will not be given the encouragement and safety they deserve.

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

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