

<b>Item No.</b> 4.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 28 November 2018	<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 five 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 five 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 Group of Tenants Organisations**

The deputation request states:

"Our members are concerned about the Resident Involvement Review that Southwark Council are carrying out. This poses significant changes to how tenants and residents associations (TRAs) access funds and the democratic structures of tenant and resident voice across the borough.

Southwark Council has 36,000 tenants and very few tenants have heard of the Resident Engagement Review. Southwark Council have faced much opposition to the way the review is being carried out. A panel has been put together to make decisions on the future of resident engagement across the borough, Southwark Council tenants are facing massive changes which they and many councillors are unaware of. This is why it is important we are heard."

## **2. A People's Vote on Brexit**

The deputation request states:

"As a cross-party group of ordinary residents who have read the members' motion, we hope that Southwark Council will support this motion without any conditions or limitations."

## **3. Alice in Winterland**

The deputation request states:

"The deputation is about the consultation and process for the contract for Alice in Winterland which was agreed by the events department and the principle of using the park for private events."

## **4. Metropolitan Open Land**

The deputation request states:

"The deputation asks the council members to consider the current council process for selecting, consultation and approval of events, especially commercial events, which may detriment Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) within the borough.

The benefits of MOL for the physical and mental wellbeing of borough residents are very important. With increasing numbers of housing planned for the borough, it is very important the MOL is maintained and enhanced.

We recognise the opportunity to utilise the resources of borough MOL through commercial activities.

The environmental factors and social benefit are important considerations on the selection of activities.

Public debate, enabled by full commercial disclosure, and inclusion of all views, is essential for transparency.

The deputation would like to ask the council to consider some engaging ideas which could be incorporated into the selection process for future MOL, and potentially other public resourced activities.

This deputation does not intend to discuss the current Alice in Winterland event in Southwark Park, and looks at ensuring future MOL usage selection works well and for the best balance of benefits for all stakeholders.

Please consider this deputation for this council assembly."

## 5. South Southwark for Europe

The deputation request states:

"We would like to put forward the arguments of the many London Borough Councils who have declared their support for a 'People's Vote'."

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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

### AUDIT TRAIL

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