

Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 24 March 2021	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. Council assembly business panel agreed the theme for the 24 March 2021 meeting of council assembly is "Southwark's Economic Renewal: creating a fair, equal and inclusive local economy."

Community evidence on the themes

2. The deadline for community evidence was 12 midnight, 18 March 2021.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are listed in the order received below.
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.

Submissions

1. Winifred Ayeni

I am the lead formulator for organic skincare for mothers and babies with sensitive and eczema prone skin.

I would like to talk about my experience as a small business owner on how the pandemic has affected a start-up business like mine and my brand in the community.

2. Ross Palmer

I am representing a group of restaurant businesses along Bermondsey Street. We request time to put forward proposals to create an al fresco food dining experience along Bermondsey Street, similar to a scheme implemented across the West End of London. We would like Southwark Council to look at options for timed / temporary closures of Bermondsey Street to support the local economy, work with residents and bring people back to Bermondsey Street in a safe and organised manner.

3. Jerome Campbell

I am the founder of Cluedup Coffee, an independent black owned coffee company. I have been trading in Southwark for around 3 years having my own shop in the Biscuit

Factory and trading coffee from a converted horse trailer. I would love to discuss my experience through the pandemic and also way in which I persevered through it. I would also like to discuss the support I had from particular teams and my future plans for Cluedup Coffee.

4. Ben Clasper

I am the Chairman of Dulwich Hamlet Football Club and the key points we would like to raise are as follows:

- Surviving the initial shock of the shutdown and how London Borough of Southwark (LBS) outperformed other national authorities
- Being compelled to operate during periods of lockdown due to our classification as 'Elite Sport' and working with LBS safety teams
- How we took control to ensure the club remains in business and ready for a restart
- Planning for a restart and how to renew the large community engagement for an event based organisation in Southwark.

5. Business Together Stronger - Dulwich Area Independent High Street Businesses

The deputation request states:

"How Southwark Council can work with local independent, high street businesses for a more equal, fair and inclusive local economy post Covid."

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Constitution	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Constitutional Team constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk 020 7525 7228

AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Law and Governance	No	No
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