

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2010

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

SUMMARY

1. The Council's constitution provides that a maximum of six petitions and deputations in total are received at any meeting. These are taken in order of receipt within each category. This report sets out the valid petitions and deputations submitted by members of the public for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th September 2010.
2. The deadline for receipt of deputations and petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 9th September 2010. At the time of agenda despatch one petition had been received. Any further valid petitions or deputations received before the deadline will be notified to Members before the commencement of the Council meeting.
3. In each case the members of the deputation/petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the deputation/petitioners for a further three minutes. The relevant Lead Member or Chair of Committee may then respond to the deputation or petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members should confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

5.1 PETITIONS

One petition has been received as set out below:-

5.1.1 Petition from Ms. Sapna Begum and others regarding the closure of Inside Out Health & Wellbeing Ltd. at Stroudley Walk, Bow, E3:

“We present this petition drawn up by the local community protesting against the closure of Inside Out Health & Wellbeing Ltd. at Stroudley Walk, Bow, E3.

This is the only accessible community gym facility we have available in the heart of our neighbourhood.

The atmosphere at IOHW is very approachable and relaxing and we feel encouraged to take part in the activities regularly.

The majority of the users are Bengali women who are either retired or housewives with no or very little command of English. Therefore having a community facility as IOHW is very conducive to the health and wellbeing of these women who are by and large isolated from mainstream society. This allows them a chance to come out and mingle/socialise with other members of the community and at the same time be active or learn alternative ways to manage their health conditions.

The Bromley-by-Bow area is one of the most deprived wards in the borough with high incidence of multiple deprivations specifically high unemployment and ill health.”

5.2 DEPUTATIONS

No deputations have been received at the time of printing the agenda.