

# CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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### 4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

This deputation statement revises the previous statement from David Bieda objecting to the proposals to close the Central YMCA on Great Russell Street. (Pages 3 - 6)

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ENDS**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Sola Odusina](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [Awale Olad \(Councillor\)](#); [Sue Vincent \(Councillor\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 9th December, 2024, 6.30 pm - Supplementary Agenda 1  
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**Importance:** High

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Dear Sola,

## **DEPUTATION CHANGE**

Please accept my profuse apologies for below.

As you can imagine I had to prepare the Deputation in great haste & without consultation.

I am therefore withdrawing my legal points and same will not be raised as we decided it is not appropriate for the Legal Department to be asked to pursue them. I had not imagined the legal attachments would be circulated in full.

Instead I will make a short introduction and hand over to Joshua von Uexkull, a young YMCA member and casual worker, who will outline the services provided, as per my original Deputation. **We wish to propose below to the Committee, which please circulate:**

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**We respectfully ask that this committee support the retention of these much loved, valued and vital amenities; that this committee recommend to the Cabinet that they:**

- 1. Publicly announce support for the campaign to save the Central YMCA;**
- 2. Use their influence to ensure these much-needed amenities are retained for the health and well-being of residents and visitors alike;**
- 3. In the event of the sale of the Central YMCA building being finalised that these same facilities remain open to the public;**
- 4. \*\* That officers' investigate whether the funding the Council made available to the YMCA at the time of construction had any conditions or covenants attached to that financial support.**

**\*\* It is my recollection that Camden assisted the YMCA financially as the costs spiralled as the average rate of inflation in 1976 was 16.77%, and 24% in 1975. In return all Camden youth workers (such as myself) were made honorary members of the Central YMCA, and there may well have been other conditions attached to Camden's financial support.**

Thank you,

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**From:** David Bieda [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 06 December 2024 13:38  
**To:** 'Sola Odusina'  
**Subject:** RE: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Monday, 9th December, 2024, 6.30 pm - Supplementary Agenda 1

Dear Sola,  
Thanks for your email and I already looked at the agenda etc. I think I will be accompanied by Joshua Von Uexkull who is a young staff member. As for numbers I suggest you talk to Cllr Olad. There is now a YMCA Campaign group and this meeting has been widely advertised on their website & on posters. It's also possible the media will turn up. The YMCA is in today's Westminster Extra etc. I therefore have no control over numbers or who is coming. It may be many or it may not.  
Best wishes,  
**David Bieda**

Save the Central YMCA Club  
<https://www.change.org/p/save-central-ymca-club>  
<https://fitzroviainews.com/2024/12/06/campaign-launched-to-save-the-central-ymca-club/>  
<https://www.camdennewjournal.co.uk/article/shock-as-worlds-first-ymca-closes-down>

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[Redacted] all,

A supplementary agenda for the Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting on Monday, 9th December, 2024 at 6.30 pm has just been published.

Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

You can view the supplement either via the [public website](#) or on Camden's [democracy intranet](#), which allows access to restricted papers where permitted.

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The supplementary agenda includes papers related to the following items:

**No. Item**

- 4 Deputations (if any)

Yours sincerely,

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