

**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

**(ORDINARY)**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4 2009**

**URGENT QUESTION**

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COUNCILLOR PETER JOHN**

Is the Tooley Street building covered by liability insurance with the same conditions for people of all ages?

**RESPONSE**

Southwark Council's liability insurance includes protection against liabilities arising in respect of all our activities, which includes those which could attach to us in respect of accidents to persons of any age who are affected by our activities.

This would include visitors to Tooley Street and any of our other premises, irrespective of their age. No specific insurance policy conditions are particularly relevant in this respect and our insurers would not have specific rules for the management of an activity such as this.

It is however necessary that all health and safety precautions are considered in the case where we do have under 18-year-olds in the building and that prior to any child or young person attending for a meeting, the meeting organiser is required to complete a risk assessment to fully assess the health and safety matters that could arise.