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Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee

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Councillor Adele Morris - Cathedrals Ward (Liberal Democrat)

I became a member of the Education & Children's Services scrutiny sub committee when I first joined the council in 2006, and continued until I became an Executive Member in May 2008. I have 2 teenage daughters who have been born and brought up in Southwark, using local services throughout. As a family we have had personal experience of a difficult secondary school transfer processes, and as a community activist of many years I have had a particular interest in the issues relating to funding for non - statutory services for young people, from toddler groups through to youth clubs.

Councillor Althea Smith – Nunhead ward (Labour)

Councillor Althea Smith is an experienced and active member of several committees and boards including:

- Kiwanis International, Central London Branch fundraising for children across the world, at present focused on fundraising for a Cooler machine for the special care baby unit at Kings College Hospital.
- Vice Chair of Southwark Police Consultative Group since 2006 to date before Chair.
- Vice Chair of Nunhead and Peckham Rye community council 2007 to 2010
- Member of CIRAG part of an advisor body to Southwark Police.
- Chair of Peoples National Party London Base.
- Advisor to the Notting hill Carnival.
- Member of Jamaica Defence Force Ex- Service Men club London
- Member of the Kennington United Cricket Club.
- Supporter of the Boyhood to Manhood foundation.
- Member of St Johns Church Meeting House Lane.
- Chair of the Planning Committee.

Increase in dangerous dog attacks – are children being adequately protected?

There has been a 66% increase in dog bites over the last ten years, with more than 100 victims being admitted to hospital each week in England, according to the Mail-Online News. The 2008/09 figures show that of a total 5,221 people who were treated – 1,250 were children 'including many babies and toddlers'.

The article goes on to say that the true figures will be much higher as the data does not include victims seen in A&E. The problem is said to be more acute in urban areas, such as London. I believe this would make a good and timely topic for review by the Ed & CS Scrutiny Sub Committee to assess how Southwark is coping with this growing threat to our children's welfare and safety.

Colin Elliott Education Representative

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