

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

(ORDINARY MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2013

PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE THEME

1. QUESTION FROM PATRICIA HICKSON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

As someone who has used the ASB services and who would like to be more involved, could you please outline what opportunities you have in place for communities to become more involved in tackling ASB and crime in their area?

RESPONSE

We recognise that dealing with ASB is a high priority for Southwark residents as well as for the council itself. Residents wanting to become more involved can find out more about the ASB service and become involved through:

- By attending local meetings such as community council, tenants council, tenants and residents association meetings and other community forums
- Getting involved with your police ward panel meetings held by the safer neighbourhood team
- Taking part in surveys/ consultations such as the council's reputation survey or the MPS public attitude survey or other independent surveys carried out by officers at events or who come to resident properties
- Finding out about local focus groups such as cafe conversations and community workshops
- Attending organised road shows and events delivered by the Safer Southwark Partnership which give residents the opportunity to meet council officers, police and wardens
- Attending 'Action Days' in areas where issues of ASB have been highlighted involving all of our partners which assist in providing community re-assurance and promote how ASB can be reported and tackled
- Becoming a volunteer and helping to engage with some of our harder to reach communities
- You can also get information about the ASB service and means to be more involved through partnership newsletters and publications such as Southwark Life, on the council website and through the public services website (www.direct.gov.uk)