

Questions from Sub-Committee C to Councillor Adele Morris, Executive Member for Citizenship, Equalities and Communities. October 2009

- (1) What percentage of Southwark Council staff have completed Equalities & Diversity Training?
- (2) What work is the Council currently undertaking to promote equalities and diversity in the community?
- (3) Are you satisfied with the nature and scope of Equalities Impact Assessments undertaken by the council before it takes major decisions?
- (4) Can the executive member outline her thoughts on how she thinks community councils should develop in the future, in terms of roles, responsibilities and operation?
- (5) Given the relatively low level of attendance of the public at community council meetings and the high number of council officers who attend them, how can the council redress this balance to get better value for money?
- (6) For Cleaner Greener Safer money, some proposals in the last round were put forward to a number of community councils for a proportion of the funds required for a project, potentially creating issues for those projects going ahead where some community councils agreed and others rejected the bid. How can we better co-ordinate processes between community councils around such proposals?
- (7) In her recent interview with the Southwark News, she said that she was proud of the introduction this year of the Highways and Lighting Budget at community councils. How well has this operated in its first year?
- (8) What are the executive member's views on the effectiveness of the council's resident involvement team since their move to the regeneration and neighbourhood department?
- (9) Southwark spends about 50 percent of grant to SHRREB. Can you describe their role in Southwark? What are the strengths, weaknesses and challenges facing this organisation.
- (10) How can larger communities like the Sierra Leone and Latin American Communities benefit in future of having a community centre.
- (11) What plans do you have for ensuring that youth community councils link in with the main community councils?
- (12) Given the current state of the nation's economy and the inevitable spending restrictions to come, what work are you undertaking to prepare the voluntary sector?
- (13) Can you give us an update on the restructure of your departments?