

**South Westminster Area Forum**

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Dear South Westminster Area Forum Member

Thank you for attending October's South Westminster Area Forum and helping us to make decisions that affect our area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

At the meeting there were three presentations focusing on Westminster's response to the riots, an update on the Parking Policy Review and the changes to the One Stop Service. For more detail on the discussions contact the Area Forums team on 020 7641 3916 or [areaforums@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:areaforums@westminster.gov.uk) or visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods).

**Westminster's Response to the August riots**

Acting Chief Inspector Rosie MacLean, Cllr Nickie Aiken (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Community Protection) and officers from Westminster's Crime Reduction Service and Youth Services all gave short presentations on what their teams or organisations did, during and after, the days of the disturbances. Cllr Nickie Aiken then informed the Forum of the new Your Choice programme which the council has launched to tackle young people who could be prone to involvement in gang activities or already gang members. The session was concluded with the showing of a short film which was made by the South Youth Forum. It showed views from residents - both young and older - from across the south of the city. The film is now available for all to see on the Area Forums web page at [www.westminster.gov.uk/areaforums/south](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/areaforums/south).

**Parking Policy Review**

Following the review which took place earlier in the year Parking Services outlined the main changes. The main issues to affect residents will be the extended hours of control in paid-for bays and on single yellow lines after 6.30pm, and on Sundays from 1-6pm, primarily in the West End, Mayfair, Soho and Covent Garden (zones E, F3, F6 and G). North of Oxford Street in zones F2 and F3 resident permit holders can now park for 24 hours. These changes will be implemented from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. There will be a 10% increase in parking charge in zones A, D and H which will take effect from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**One Stop Service Changes**

City Hall One Stop closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011. Harrow Road and Church Street One Stops will close on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and in the lead up to the closure, will stop accepting cash and cheque payments from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011. From the 1<sup>st</sup> November residents will be able to pay bills and apply for services at a local Post Office by cash, cheque or card. 'Your One Stop Express' self serve computers and free phones have been set up in convenient locations across the city, in libraries and community centres. These will enable residents to carry out online transactions with the council with assistance from a member of staff, or speak to a customer service expert on the phone. Locations in the south include Pimlico Library and, once the refurbishment is complete, Churchill Gardens Estate Office.

There was a concern raised that the equipment at Pimlico Library was not laid out together in a sensible way and this is now being remedied.

### **Councillor's Neighbourhood Funds – how should yours be spent?**

These are dedicated funds for councillors to use to support local projects and priorities in your neighbourhood. Councillors want your suggestions on how they should be spent. This could range from providing opportunities for local residents to learn and play together to improving the local environment with new trees, flowers or improved paving. In the south of Westminster, over the past year, councillors have funded projects such as a community choir, various community fun days, and hanging baskets.

Suggestions were put forward at the South Westminster Area Forum and further suggestions can be made to your ward councillor through the contact details at the bottom of this page. To find out how Neighbourhood Funds (formerly known as Ward Budgets) were spent last year visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoodfunds](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoodfunds). To find out which electoral ward you are in, please visit <http://transact.westminster.gov.uk/ctee/committee1/wards/wardfind.cfm>.

### **Your next South Westminster Area Forum**

I look forward to welcoming you to the next South Westminster Area Forum on Wednesday 8 February 2012 at a venue to be confirmed. If you have any ideas for agenda items or a venue to hold future meetings, please do let us know. To get in touch or for more information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details on the front page of this letter.



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