

Dear Resident

Thank you for making the time to participate in our various consultations to help make decisions affecting our local area, especially if you attended a South Area Forum meeting. This letter gives feedback from the South Area Forum meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. If you would like more detail on the workshop discussions and ward budget spending contact our Area Forum Team or visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods)

### **Parking**

Kevin Goad, Head of Commissioning, City Management led a workshop on residents' priorities for parking. Residents raised a number of issues during the workshop including:

- the need to have sufficient parking bays for residents
- the extension of controlled hours for residents parking
- possibility of free parking at weekends
- temporary parking permits for residents' visitors
- it was felt that better management of suspensions is required
- more spaces for disabled drivers.

Residents also completed a feedback form listing their top three priorities for parking. A full summary will be available at the next forum and at [www.westminster.gov.uk/services/councilgovernmentanddemocracy/democraticprocessesandevents/areaforums/south/](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/councilgovernmentanddemocracy/democraticprocessesandevents/areaforums/south/).

### **Cycling in Westminster**

Superintendent Adam Loxley and Graham Daley from Transport for London (TfL) gave a presentation on cycling issues in Westminster. The council welcomes the large increase in cyclists and in response to residents' concerns is working closely with the Police and TfL to reduce the number of cyclists that fail to observe the Highway Code, including riding on pavements, jumping red lights and going the wrong way up one way roads. The council, TfL and the Metropolitan Police are working together to increase safety awareness amongst cyclists and motorists to help reduce the number of collisions involving cyclists and to ensure cyclists comply with the law. A number of enforcement and training days have taken place.

### **Services for older people**

Karen Clark, Adult Services South Manager, and Kevin Williamson, Head of Housing with Care Services, explained how older people's services had changed following the Government White Paper '*Our Health, Our Care, Our Say*' which moved the focus from reactive services to fewer services that offer more choice and independence. These include a more personalised service to enable people to achieve more independence and be in control of any support needs that they have. The services ensure that vulnerable people feel safe and are protected from harm.

### **Local open spaces in South Westminster**

There were many suggestions for open space improvements in South Westminster, mainly for St George's Square, which is owned by the Council. All suggestions, including those related to the management of the parks, have been recorded and will be taken on board when funding is available for park improvements in the area.

Some residents expressed frustration at not being able to have public access to Vincent Square which, like the majority of squares in Central London, is privately owned. The opportunity to approach Westminster School to request access in a managed way was discussed.

### **Pimlico Academy**

The feedback from the Pimlico Library and Westminster Adult Education Service workshop was very positive. Workshop attendees liked the zoned layout which addresses the varying and potentially varying needs of all customers, for example it provides both quiet study spaces with desks as well as areas for children's activities. Workshop attendees also said that they would like to see book clubs run in the new library, and more IT sessions for seniors both in the library and in the adult education facility. The manager of Pimlico library will be taking these suggestions on board when planning the new service.

### **Youth Activities in Westminster**

Heiab Negus opened the presentation with a short introduction to What's on Westminster commonly known as "WoW". Attendees received information on the range of activities offered, who the service is for, where to find more information and discussion points. More detailed information is available on the website [www.westminster.gov.uk/wow](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/wow)

Young people from the Chelsea Football Club attended the workshop, identifying the need for more organised activities and events in their locality and expressing their concern at the cost of current activities available. Meetings have been established with the workshop host and lead representatives of the Chelsea Football Club to explore and discuss these matters further. All comments received from attendees will be fed back to the What's on Westminster Steering Group.

### **£50,000 for your Ward – Ward Budget Updates**

**Churchill, Knightsbridge & Belgravia, Tachbrook, Vincent Square and Warwick**  
Councillors are currently seeking ideas on how to spend this year's ward budgets. Suggestions were put forward at the South Area Forum and further suggestions can be made through the contact details at the bottom of this page. If you would like to find out about how ward budgets were spent last year, please follow the link [www.westminster.gov.uk/wardbudgets](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/wardbudgets). To find out which electoral ward you are in, please visit [www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder) or contact the team.

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

I look forward to welcoming you to the next South Area Forum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010, from 6.30-8.30pm, agenda and venue to be confirmed. For more information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details on the front page of this letter.



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