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## Rotherhithe Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday January 10 2007  
 Surrey Docks Watersports Centre,  
 Rope Street, Rotherhithe, SE16 7SX

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### Main items at this meeting

- South Bermondsey n'hood management p'ship
- Southwark refugees communities forum
- Section 106 planning contributions planning document

## South Bermondsey NMP

### What is a Neighbourhood Management Partnership?

#### *Darryl Telles presented*

- It is targeted to improve services at a local neighbourhood level. The South Bermondsey area has about 16,000 people
- It seeks to co-ordinate existing resources more effectively to ensure they better suit the needs of local residents – it doesn't manage services directly

- It is run by a Partnership Board between different service providers in the statutory and voluntary sector with Members and residents

#### Why South Bermondsey?

- It is a priority neighbourhood for tackling deprivation
- It has low levels of community cohesion
- It has not received large scale regeneration

#### How will the project be managed?

- Seven-year commitment from Government. We are now entering our third year.
- Approximately £350,000 per year.
- Multi-agency board with resident majority

#### What are the priorities?

- Crime and Environment
- Learning and young people
- Health and worklessness
- Community involvement

#### How to get involved?

- Join the residents network
- Come to our events
- Contribute to the magazine

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## Southwark refugees communities forum

### *Eltayeb presented*

The main aim of the SRCF is the relief of poverty and distress, the promotion of health and furtherance of education for Asylum seekers and refugees in Southwark.

SRCF wants four things:

**Awareness** of the role of RCOs (Refugee Community Organisations) and the skills they offer;

**Collaboration** between RCOs, statutory and voluntary sectors;

**Integration** of RCOs into mainstream structures and real life refugee participation;

**Resources** for the development of RCOs

### **SRCF Activities**

- Themed forum meetings six times per year for RCOs and refugee service providers
- Inter-agency seminars on issues such as employment, health, community safety, education
- Community resource for newly-emerging groups – including mailbox and meeting facilities, broadband internet access, one-to-one development support
- Workshops for RCOs – including business planning, sustainable financial strategies, partnerships, access to employment, etc.
- Lobbying for and facilitating the participation of people from refugee backgrounds in strategic partnerships, policy and service development, community consultation, etc.
- Refugee week events and other opportunities to relax, celebrate and enjoy each other's company

The SRCF has been funded through Neighbourhood Renewal since 2003, approximately £50,000 per annum. Other funds we raise ourselves through commissions, partnership activities such as Refugee week celebration. Neighbourhood Renewal funding takes us through to March 2008 and we are currently applying for direct funding from Southwark Council for one full-time community development worker.

Take a look at the SRCF website:

<http://homebtconnect.com/southwarkrcf/src>  
Email: [southwarkrcf@btconnect.com](mailto:southwarkrcf@btconnect.com)

## Draft section 106 supplementary planning document – Have your say

*Dan Taylor presented*

### **What are they?**

- Used to address the negative impacts caused by a development
- Contribute to providing infrastructure and facilities necessary to achieve sustainable communities
- Delivered through a legal agreement between the council and a developer

### **What is a Supplementary Planning Document?**

- SPDs expand on planning policy in development plan documents
- Introduced by new planning system following the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- SPDs fit into the new type of local plan called the local development framework

### **Why prepare s106 Planning Contributions SPD?**

- Create greater transparency and openness in negotiations with developers
- A guide to the planning contributions expected by the council
- Explain how and when the council will seek these contributions from developers
- To achieve sustainable communities by dealing with the negative impacts of development

### **What can s106 planning contributions cover?**

- Contributions can cover a range of facilities and services where they are related to the proposed development including:
  - affordable homes (covered in separate supplementary planning guidance)
  - new or improved open space
  - new school places
  - employment training schemes
  - local health facilities
  - other community facilities

### **ROTHERHITHE's current five priorities for s106 are -**

- Increasing the quality and quantity of open spaces
- Increasing the quality and quantity of community facilities
- High quality of learning (schools and other channels)
- Traffic/transport improvements
- Improve town centre environment and retail offer

### **Project Banks**

Proposed in the section 106 Supplementary Planning Document

- A list of projects needed in an area to improve the environment and local facilities
- Projects identified and agreed by the community council and local people
- Used by planning officers to identify potential projects to address the negative impacts of development
- Will inform section 106 negotiations with developers
- Note project bank ideas must link to the legal use of s106 funds

**Formal consultation period runs from January 9 2007 to February 20 2007**

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Your next Rotherhithe Community Council meeting is on  
Tuesday February 20 2007 from 7pm at Alfred Salter School,  
Quebec Way, SE16 7LP

Everyone welcome!

Come and have your say and meet councillors and officers for your area.

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