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### **New Security Coordinator for South Bank**

Alison Patient has been recruited by South Bank Employers' Group to deliver the area's security strategy which aims to reduce crime, the fear of crime and the threat of terrorism by promoting partnership working between local stakeholders and enhancing relationships with the community.

Alison previously acted as a Security Advisor in Whitehall and prior to that provided security advice to the commercial and public sectors, on behalf of the Police. In her new role, Alison will work closely with local partners who are members of the Community Security Zone which has recently been established in South Bank.

Alison's first task is to promote information exchange between local organisations in order to improve the coordination of security patrolling on South Bank. To this end, she will be introducing a new patrolling service later this year which will supplement current provision, providing a 7-day a week service across the patch. Other priorities include the development of an area-wide approach to incident and emergency planning as well as the coordination of local CCTV management, with a view to identifying and filling gaps in coverage.

Alison has also been elected as Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel for Bishops Ward, Lambeth.

The post of Security Coordinator is based at South Bank Employers' Group, on behalf of South Bank Partnership which oversees the regeneration of the area. The London Borough of Lambeth has delegated administration of Section 106 monies (planning gain) from the British Airways London Eye to the Partnership. The post of Security Coordinator is supported until March 2009 by these funds.

## **Notes to editors**

### **About South Bank Partnership**

- South Bank Partnership brings together South Bank's two MPs (Kate Hoey and Simon Hughes), the leadership of Lambeth and Southwark Councils, Ward Councillors, representatives of the Mayor's agencies, Government Office for London plus the area's major businesses, arts organisations, universities and hospital.
- The Partnership was established in 1995 and meets quarterly to encourage and co-ordinate the improvement of the area.
- The Partnership manages the quarterly residents meeting, South Bank Forum, which gives local residents and employees the opportunity to find out more about key issues affecting the neighbourhood, to express their views and influence decision-makers. It is chaired by Kate Hoey MP and Simon Hughes MP and attended by Councillors from both Lambeth and Southwark. It regularly attracts over 100 attendees.
- The secretariat for the Partnership and the Forum is provided by South Bank Employers' Group.
- For more information see [www.southbankpartnership.org](http://www.southbankpartnership.org)

### **About South Bank Employers' Group**

- South Bank Employers' Group is a non-profit association of the major organisations in the South Bank, Waterloo and Blackfriars with a long term commitment to improving the experience of the area for employees, visitors and residents.
- Members of South Bank Employers' Group include: British Film Institute, Coin Street Community Builders, Ernst & Young, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital Trust, IBM UK Ltd, ITV, King's College London, London and Continental Railways, London Development Agency, London South Bank University, National Theatre, Network Rail, P&O Developments, Shell, South Bank Centre and The London Eye Company.
- For the past fifteen years, under the auspices of South Bank Partnership, the Group has played a leading role in transforming the South Bank with a variety of high profile projects such as creating the Riverside Walk which now attracts over 15 million visitors ever year and branding the area through signage and street furniture.
- For more information [www.sbeg.co.uk](http://www.sbeg.co.uk)

### **About the Community Security Zone (CSZ)**

- The Community Security Zone in South Bank is a community-led, cross-borough partnership of local police, the boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark and key stakeholders who will focus on South Bank's security priorities and support the work of the South Bank Partnership's Security Strategy and manifesto commitment.