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Dear Councillor Yasseen

**Question at Council – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Thank you for the question you submitted for the Council meeting on 15 July 2026. I have set out your question and my response below.

***When residents request a community meeting about serious safety or safeguarding concerns, what policy determines whether South Yorkshire Police attend a community meeting with a ward Cllr?***

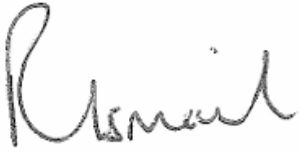
There is no specific policy that governs whether a community meeting will be held. This would be something that would be considered on a case-by-case basis, most likely through the NPT Inspector in the first instance.

Factors considered, although the scope will probably be much larger, are:

- What is the actual problem
- True understanding of the risk involved and what impact its causing including disruption to the community
- Whether SYP are best placed to manage the problem/issue raised
- Benefits of a community meeting – is sensitive information likely to be discussed

There are existing structures in place for engagement with the local community (and ward Cllrs) including, community action partnership (CAP) meetings, advertised 'drop in's', MP surgeries and walkabouts.

Yours sincerely,



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