# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.8 members’ question time shall not exceed 30 minutes. During this time, members may not question any one cabinet member or committee chair for longer than fifteen minutes.

Members are limited to one question at each meeting.

Questions to the leader will be taken first, followed by questions to other cabinet members. The order in which the different political groups ask questions of the leader will be rotated. Questions to cabinet members will be taken in the order of receipt and portfolio. The order of portfolios will be rotated at each meeting such that the cabinet member answering questions immediately after the leader will be the last cabinet member to answer any questions at the next meeting of council assembly.

Cabinet members and committee chairs have discretion to refer a question to another cabinet member if this is appropriate.

Responses to member’s questions will be circulated on yellow paper around the council chamber on the evening of the meeting.

The Mayor will ask the member asking the question if they wish to ask one supplemental question to the member to whom the question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. Therefore, supplemental questions to the leader or other cabinet members are not free ranging.

No question shall be asked on a matter concerning a planning or licensing application.

**Note:** In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.8 (12) & (13) (prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which questions to the leader appear in this report may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting.
1. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS**
   Following the article in The Observer on Sunday 7 November which painted a bleak picture of how the coalition government cuts will affect one London borough, will the leader provide an update of how he thinks the council’s role will change over the next four years?

2. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI**
   How much has the Labour administration spent on Southwark Life since being elected in May?

3. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS**
   Can the leader please provide an update on the fairer future budget consultation?

4. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER**
   Further advice has been sought on this question.

5. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON**
   How does the leader believe Southwark, particularly areas like Chaucer, will be affected by the proposed changes to housing benefits?

6. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE**
   Will the leader and his councillors in Southwark be campaigning for fairer votes next year?

7. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE**
   Can the leader provide an update on the council’s response to the proposed changes to the National Health Service?

8. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY**
   Do you still agree with your quote about outsourcing in Southwark News on 21 October 2010 that ‘We’ve had some pretty crappy failures’. Please can you identify which outsourced services you think are failures and which are not?

9. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES**
   Is the leader concerned that the proposals to increase tuition fees to up to £9,000 a year will affect the aspirations of children and young people in Southwark?

10. **QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET**
    Will the leader update the council on the progress in adopting shared services with Lambeth and Lewisham?
11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH
   How many young people in Southwark are in receipt of the educational maintenance allowance?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS
   Who should decide the agendas of community councils?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHEN GOVIER
   Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea have spoken about merging into a 'super council'. Is the leader of the council pursuing merging with any other council?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES
   Following on from the cabinet's adoption of its seven agreed budget principles including the statement "we will do all that we can to protect our front-line services and support our most vulnerable residents" can he tell me as leader what additional commitments and guarantees he is prepared to make to deliver on this principle and protect vulnerable service users who receive services from adult social care?

15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER
   The leader has been meeting staff to discuss the challenge of the budget cuts. Can he provide a summary of what he has told them about potential staff cuts and redundancies?

16. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL
   Will the leader please list the cabinet members who work part time?

17. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL
   What does the leader believe has been achieved in the administration's first six months?

18. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU
   Can the leader please detail the next stages of the budget consultation?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON
   Please could the cabinet member provide an update on any progress made in relation to the provision of a new leisure centre at the Elephant and Castle?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK
   Rotherhithe community council committed £80,000 of cleaner greener safer (CGS) funding last year to the clearance of the area known as the old Fish Farms between Seven Islands leisure centre and Southwark Park. The list of public realm projects for the area confirms there has been no progress in clearing this and converting it to a
useable area tied into the park. Can she confirm that she has no other plans for the Fish Farms area that contradict the commitment by Rotherhithe community council?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Can the cabinet member please tell me how many building certificates are issued by Southwark every year and the average number of calendar days from the last visit of a building site to certificates issue and the average for the slowest quartile to be issued?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Can the cabinet member assure me that section 106 created assets such as new health centres are owned by Southwark Council and where appropriate leased to others?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Has the council now notified those tenants whose water rates are paid through their rent to the council about Thames Water’s consultation?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY

With cuts to the working neighbourhoods fund (WNF), future jobs fund (FJF) and other council funding, what is the council going to be able to do in practice next year for Southwark residents who are looking for employment?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

Can the cabinet member provide an insight into what will replace the London Development Agency (LDA)?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

What would the implications be of social rents moving to 80% of market rates on Southwark’s regeneration schemes?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

What steps is the council taking to secure the preservation of the architectural and heritage features of the remaining buildings on the Dulwich Hospital site?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

Will the cabinet member provide the percentage of eligible primary school children who took up their entitled free school meal for 2009/10?
29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

What evidence does the cabinet member have to demonstrate that free school meals tackles obesity?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

Please could the cabinet member define what a ‘healthy’ free school meal will be and what measures she will introduce to ensure that each meal reaches this standard?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

Will the cabinet member outline how much the universal free school meal programme will cost per annum? Please could she provide a breakdown by revenue and capital costs?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

In light of the horrific child abuse case in the Plymouth private nursery, is the cabinet member satisfied with the inspection process and management of all nurseries in Southwark?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

In these tough economical times caused by the previous government, what is the cabinet member doing to protect the youth service?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

What new actions does she propose the teenage pregnancy commission will take to further reduce the number of teenage conceptions in Southwark?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

How have the coalition government’s cuts - including those announced in the spending review - affected funding coming from central government to children’s services?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR VIKKI MILLS

What progress has been made to bring in free healthy school meals?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

What progress has been made on the teenage pregnancy commission?
38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK-HILTON

Will the cabinet member outline how he is implementing scrutiny’s recommendations about new and replacement trees in the recent tree strategy?

39. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling confirm that he is aware of the resolution concerning Red Post Hill of the Dulwich community council on 10 November 2010 which calls for changes to the "self-enforcing measures" currently in place there in respect of the North Dulwich 20 mph zone, and would he outline future steps and timescales to put the requested changes into effect?

40. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

Will the cabinet member list which properties in Southwark are not warm, dry and safe?

41. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

Will the cabinet member outline the current patrolling regime of the community warden service? Please could he outline how this may change as a result of the mess that the previous government left this country?

42. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

Please can the cabinet member provide the number of vacant posts that exist within the council at present?

43. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

How many members of staff have retired in the last five years? Please can you provide a breakdown by year?

44. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON

What steps will be taken with GP practices in the borough that are continuing to score negatively on quality of achievement and access following the publication of the disappointing GP performance indicators scorecard?