

Item No. 4.1	Classification: Open	Date: 6 April 2011	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Members' Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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. One councillor from each community council will be able to submit a question on behalf of their community council.

Questions to the leader will be taken first, followed by question from community council councillors 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.

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.

Notes:

1. The procedures on members questions are set out in council assembly procedure note 2.9 in the Southwark Constitution.
2. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.9 (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 ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Does the leader believe that the voluntary sector in Southwark has been treated in an open, transparent and fair way since he became leader of the council?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Could the leader please detail the total cost of the Belair community hub / Belair youth facility and provide details of the funding source(s)?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

Please can the leader outline what the council has planned for the Olympics?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

Can the leader confirm what Southwark Council will do with its allocation of 100 tickets for the 2012 Olympic Games?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM MCNALLY

Has the leader introduced voluntary redundancies yet? If not, when is he planning to do so?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Does the leader agree with the Liberal Democrats' spring conference motion that the government's Health Bill will make the NHS less democratically accountable, introduce competition based on price and make the NHS less responsive to patients' needs? Does he believe the government's reforms will improve patient care in Southwark?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

As the leader will be providing free school meals for 1040 primary school children who live in Lewisham, will he be providing any assistance for the parents of Southwark children who go to schools in Labour run Lewisham who have suffered from a 20p a day price hike in school meals?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Does he believe that it is right for the council to keep its promise to deliver free healthy school meals for every child in the borough?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

At the meeting on 31 January 2011, the leader said action would be taken within weeks for proposals on how Southwark Council could appropriately pay tribute to armed forces who are killed in action and make their final journeys from Southwark. What progress has there been?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

Does the leader believe that his decision to march against cuts to public services which go too far and too fast reflects concerns of most Southwark residents?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

What is the leader doing with the 100 tickets provided by the London Organisation Committee for the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games (LOCOG)? Will he ensure that council tax payer's money will not be used to fund them?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

How does the leader see the Elephant & Castle and other regeneration plans as pulling the centre of London southwards and facilitating development across Southwark?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

Please will the leader provide how much is paid annually by the corporate complaints department in compensation payments? Please will he provide a figure of how much is specifically paid for delays in processing complaints and please provide what mechanisms he will use to reduce this total?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader confirm what Southwark Council is doing to ensure that residents in Southwark complete their census forms?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK (ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

In response to my question at last council assembly asking about the shortages of secondary school places in Rotherhithe, the cabinet member for children's services said 'there are no acute shortages of secondary school places in the north of the borough'. However, on 15 March 2011, the council website reported that 'The council has always maintained that there is a specific need for additional places in Rotherhithe'. Please can the cabinet member confirm whether she thinks there are or are not enough secondary school places in Rotherhithe?

16. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU (BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Why has the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management massively increased the garage rents for the people of Bermondsey?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Does the cabinet member agree with residents, market traders, shop keepers and the Dulwich community council's recommendations that North Cross Road market should not open or operate on Sundays? And does he agree that the future continued success of this market relies on the continuing good will of local residents and shop keepers and that any Sunday opening will imperil such good?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES (BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the cabinet member for children's services detail what council youth facilities are available and how much money is spent on youth provision in Borough and Bankside, and compare this to the level of spend in other community council areas?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What does the Burgess Park planning decision of 1 February 2011 mean for the future of the public open space, biodiversity and leisure in this borough?

20. QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Following the successful opening of Camberwell Leisure Centre Phase 1, what are the plans for completing Phase 2 and 3 as far as finances allow?

21. QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOAMES (PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

We in the Peckham community council area strongly believe in the advantages of 'learning from each other'. Therefore, what are the council doing to encourage all ethnic minority groups and the wider community to collaborate with each other and fully engage in community cohesion in the future?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS (NUNHEAD AND PECKHAM RYE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can he confirm that the council will explore every option for future cemetery space and ensure there is proper consultation with the public, including over the future of Honor Oak Rec?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Can the cabinet member for transport, environment & recycling comment on the latest available recycling figures for the borough?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

What progress has the cabinet member for transport, environment & recycling overseen since May 2010 in helping Southwark's street trading markets towards a more vibrant and viable offer?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

Does he believe the current government is doing enough to lower greenhouse gas emissions in Southwark?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

Following from the Labour cabinet's abandonment of the MUSCo project, what steps has the cabinet member taken to restart looking at options for renewable energy in the Elephant and Castle regeneration programme?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

Could the cabinet member explain the rationale behind proposals to remove the two park rangers from Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park with reference to the anticipated cost of any variation or addition to the grounds maintenance contract?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Can the cabinet member please explain why the Labour administration has chosen to not provide new cleaner greener safer (CGS) capital funded projects for one year but has included a new central Olympics capital fund?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

Can the cabinet tell me which streets of the borough have already moved, or are about to move, to alternate day litter picking and reduced frequency detritus sweeping?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

What progress has the cabinet member made on bringing average speed camera technology to Southwark, particularly Salter Road?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Can the cabinet member please explain how the commissioning process for the environmental grants, which are being cut by this administration, will ensure that organisations such as Bankside Open Spaces Trust can continue to look after the parks in Cathedrals ward?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

Can the cabinet member give an update on plans to tackle congestion and improve the streetscape on Lower Road, Jamaica Road, and around the entrance to the Rotherhithe Tunnel?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Does the cabinet member believe that a new organisation can be found to run South Dock Marina before the end of the 2011/12 financial year to make the savings proposed by the labour administration's recent budget, and will he comment on whether existing berth-holders will be encouraged or assisted to prepare a bid themselves should they wish?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

Please will the cabinet member provide an update on the Connect2 project – a vital cycling and walking route for the people of South Bermondsey?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

How many pot holes are there across the borough? Please can the cabinet member provide a breakdown by ward?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

Given the parlous state of our postal delivery in SE1/SE16, was it a good idea to remove the option to buy parking permits over the counter, and rely on the post office to deliver bought and paid for permits?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

Will the cabinet look into reorganising the placement of smart cars to more appropriate locations, such as Bacons School in Rotherhithe Community Council area?

38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

To ask the cabinet member how many blue badges have been:

1. lost or stolen in the last six months?
2. how long on average have they taken for them to be replaced?
3. will he be taking any further action to stop the abuse of Blue Badges?

39. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON

Can the cabinet member confirm when the walls of the iconic Goose Green roundabout will be repaired?

40. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS

Does the cabinet member welcome the funding for Transport for London (TfL) to carry out a feasibility study on traffic and public realm in Camberwell town centre?

41. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY

Can the cabinet member comment on Southwark's allocation of decent homes funding.

42. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

Does he have the latest information regarding customer satisfaction with the council's housing repairs service?

43. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES

What does he believe the impact will be of government proposals to charge tenants rents of up to 80% of market rates, rather than the social rent at the moment?

44. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Will the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management clarify whether the report for ingress on the Manor Estate in South Bermondsey ward has been concluded? If so, what were the findings?

45. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

Please will the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management update the council on any progress he has made for the provision of social housing for ex-service men and women?

46. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Will the cabinet member commit to spending the remainder of earmarked Four Squares security works funding on the Four Squares?

47. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS RENATA HAMVAS

Can the cabinet member for culture, leisure, sport and the Olympics set out the terms for the council's review of library services?

48. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

Can she comment on the future of the Southwark community games now that the working neighbourhoods fund (NHF) has been abolished?

49. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

In the light of her recent encouragement of all councillors to assist in the recruitment of suitable foster parents, can the cabinet member for children's services advise on what ethnic characteristics, if any, would preclude potential fosterers and adopters receiving placements of children with different ethnic characteristics.?"