

Item No. 4.1	Classification: Open	Date: 12 October 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 members' 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 MARK GLOVER

What does he make of the response by local residents to August's disturbances?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

How many cases of anti-social behaviour have been considered for eviction since 7 May 2010 by Southwark Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (SASBU) and the housing offices and, of these, how many evictions have taken place?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

What financial support has been made available to the council from a) central government and b) the Mayor of London following the disturbances in August?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Does the leader agree with his cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy that the Bermondsey Liberal Democrat councillors did the council a favour voting against a £120,000 roof terrace upgrade and if so, will he ensure that local planning decisions remain with community councils?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

What is the timetable for the rolling-out of free, healthy school meals in Southwark primary schools?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM MCNALLY

Has the chief executive received any additional payments, compensation, special or additional leave or pension arrangements in relation to her resignation? Is the leader satisfied that any such arrangements represent a good deal for Southwark residents?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

Do you think it enhances local democracy when cabinet members attend community council meetings to consult local people on council policy?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK-HILTON

Where will the leader be celebrating bonfire night?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY

How many Southwark council tenants have been evicted because of involvement in August's disturbances?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

How much money has been paid in redundancy payments, compromise agreements or industrial tribunal settlements to Southwark staff in all departments since 7 May 2010? Please include figures that are agreed but not yet paid.

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

September's unemployment figures showed that one in five young people are now out of work, just as the government's austerity programme is starting to bite. What can the council do to try and mitigate the impact of government cuts on our young people?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

How many complaints have been received by the noise team outside the new operational hours? How many during the new operational hours? How many have been attended by officers?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What is the council doing to help raise awareness for Black History Month?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER (BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Since 7 May 2010 how much affordable housing from major planning applications in the north of the borough has been approved as off-site contributions?

15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK (ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

How many hanging baskets have been removed in Southwark since 7 May 2010? Please provide breakdown by community council area.

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Which Safer Neighbourhood Team areas in Southwark have the highest incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour?

17. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK (BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Following the closure of the Long Lane housing office, can the member please advise if the mobile housing office is ready to be fully utilised, and what are the costs of its preparation and use? Can the member advise what the repercussions are for the staff formerly working in the Long Lane office, what retraining has been required, and the cost of that training? What are the overall costs to the council of the restructure of the housing service to Borough and Bankside residents?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

The residents living and working in the Peckham community council area recognise and appreciate all the good regeneration money which has been ploughed into Peckham in the past year and the wonderful work done by its residents to develop it as a potential cultural and artistic centre of excellence. However, in light of the recent riots, what is the council doing to help transform the negative perception of Peckham reported in the media into a positive one in which we can all be proud of?

19. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS (NUNHEAD AND PECKHAM RYE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Following the public disorder in August, Southwark Council has offered welcome support for smaller businesses. Could the leader provide up to date details of:

- The number of applications to the emergency recovery fund of £100,000 by small businesses on Rye Lane and the surrounding area and the total number of awards made to Rye Lane and other Peckham businesses?
- Whether any of the £100,000 emergency fund is remaining?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

What is the cabinet member doing to ensure the third round of Southwark's transition fund reaches as many groups and charities as possible?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Even though the council is no longer in a position to provide as much direct funding to voluntary sector organisations, the local authority still has a role to play in creating an environment in which voluntary groups can thrive. What is the council doing to ensure it builds such an environment for voluntary groups in Southwark?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS BROWN

Can he outline in more detail the council's new volunteering strategy?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

What help is being provided by the council to businesses in Walworth Road affected by recent looting?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

What is the cost to the council of the community conversations, including officer time, being carried out following the riots?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Does the cabinet member think that the additional security measures taken when the Ministry of Sound supporters visited Tooley Street to deliver their petition was an appropriate and proportional response to a legitimate and peaceful activity? Can you provide the cost of having the wardens there and outline which community was deprived of their wardens during this time?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

How many black minority ethnic staff have been made redundant or given early retirement since 7 May 2010?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND

What do you think the potential risks to Southwark are of the government's white paper on public services, if fully implemented?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS

Which central government grants went towards Southwark's voluntary and community sector budget in 2009?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

What is the council doing to promote LGBT History Month?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS

What plans do the council have for the roof terrace at Tooley Street?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

How many people in Southwark are eligible for council tax benefit and how is the council planning to address government changes to council tax benefit?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

August's rioting and looting stretched Southwark's police to the limit. What impact will the government's cuts to the police budget have on Southwark's ability to cope with future disturbances?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS

What impact will the implementation of the agency worker's directive have on the council?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

What impact will the takeover of Vangent by General Dynamics have on the services the former provides to the council?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

How much has the council spent on municipal entertainment since 7 May 2010, including the Mayor's civic events. Can he set out the total budget for such expenditure and events up to the end of April 2012?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

How much was spent on taxis and minicabs for senior officers and cabinet members since 7 May 2010?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

How many eating establishments have been closed down by the environmental health department due to mice? Why hasn't similar action been taken in the kitchen and eating areas at the council offices?

38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

How much time and money, including officer time, has been spent on delays at Success House Youth Club in South Bermondsey?

39. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

How many planning applications have been heard by each community council over the last three years? How many applications have been refused and what are the costs associated with any lost appeals by each community council?

40. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Southwark will shortly be collecting sufficient food waste that if it was anaerobically digested could power much of Southwark's waste system and make it carbon neutral. Will the administration ask Veolia to join it in applying for a government anaerobic digestion loan fund to make this possible?

41. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

What projects have been awarded Southwark 2012 capital legacy funding and what will be their value in creating a substantial legacy for sports activities in Southwark?

42. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

How many community groups have been involved in the preparation and events for The Elephant and the Nun? What do you think has been the value for the communities involved and those who attended?

43. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

Blue Badge fraud is a significant issue to older people and disabled people in Southwark, what is being done to cut down on this illegal use of Blue Badges and how many prosecutions and confiscations have been made in the last year?

44. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

Does the cabinet member believe that all of Southwark's adventure playgrounds should be open during the same hours regardless of where they are located in the borough?

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

How many tickets have been issued by the mobile camera car and for what infringements? Please provide a breakdown by type of infringement.

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

What action have you been taking to assist safe journeys to and from school in Bermondsey?

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

Would the cabinet member acknowledge that the proposed temporary removal of Greenland Pier will have a substantial adverse effect on the many hundreds of residents who use it daily, including some with young children, and would he tell us what is being done to mitigate this, by means of an alternative temporary pier, additional bus transport and any other measures?

48. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

How many council tenants have been evicted for domestic violence since 7 May 2010?

49. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

How many fire risk assessments still have outstanding action points by ward, and for East Dulwich ward, please list these action points and state when all fire risk assessments will be placed on the council website?

50. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

How much has the options consultation for the Four Squares Estate cost, including officer time, and how much has this been increased by the delays that are now apparent?