

<b>Item No.</b> 4.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 29 November 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Members' Question Time	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		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 rule 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 NEIL COYLE**

Now that the government's health and social care bill is set to be implemented what does he anticipate the impact will be on health services in Southwark?

**2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES**

Has the leader met with the six Southwark students whose university tuition fees will be paid by the council?

**3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS**

Is he surprised by the reaction to the proposal from Sail Greenwich to moor yachts at Greenland Dock during London 2012 Olympics?

**4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS**

How many fewer Southwark residents have so far applied for 2012 university entry compared to this time last year?

**5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE**

How will the council be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year?

**6. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN (WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Does the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy support and welcome the creation of the Walworth Society?

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

I note that the scheduled visits of the mobile housing office does not include Cathedrals Ward and therefore neglecting a large number of residents from Borough and Bankside from accessing the mobile housing office. Will the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management rectify this immediately and will he consider any more highly visible locations that serve the whole of Borough and Bankside Community Council?

**8. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN (ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Could the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling please provide:

- a) A detailed breakdown of all the costs associated with the proposal of adding 350 temporary berths and associated facilities to Greenland Dock for the Olympics

- b) A detailed breakdown of the projected income from this collaboration
- c) How much of this will be invested in Surrey Docks ward in mitigating the negative effects of the proposal on the peninsula (e.g. extra waste, rubbish, pressure on local infrastructure, congestion, noise, disruption, emergency vehicle access, pollution, disruption to wildlife)?

**9. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER (BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Does the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling not trust local communities to make decisions about local street lighting?

**10. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Can the cabinet member for education and children's service share primary and secondary level demand forecasts for this coming year and each year thereafter (as available) versus current place numbers for Dulwich and advise which schools she is considering requesting bulge classes at?

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

We the residents of the Peckham Community Council area welcome the council's recent decision to recognise Peckham's special architectural and historic heritage by designating it with conservation area status and thus help to transform the unfair negative perception of Peckham often portrayed by the press to a positive one. Therefore in light of this, what are the immediate proposals for attracting outside funding to Peckham to improve current buildings and for new development?

**12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Can she outline if there are any proposals for attracting outside funding to improve Camberwell?

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

Can the cabinet member provide an update on how the council is working with Transport for London (TfL) and counterparts in Lewisham on reviewing the traffic and road changes in the Pomeroy Street and Kender Road Triangle area and their impact on St Mary's Road and Lausanne Road? Can the cabinet member provide an update on the monitoring that TfL promised to undertake and will he investigate the installation of a safe crossing points for Nunhead children attending Edmund Waller primary school?

**14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR VICTORIA MILLS**

What is the council doing to make savings at senior management level?

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

How would the marriage fee increase have differed under the previous administration's medium term resources strategy?

**16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND**

Will council services be affected by the industrial action taking place on 30 November?

**17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD**

How will you be consulting on the budget this year?

**18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA**

Does he think that CCTV has a role to play in tackling crime and anti-social behavior in Southwark?

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

Can he provide an update on the visit by the riots victims and communities panel?

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

Can you provide the latest estimate of the number of police that have been cut in Southwark?

**21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY**

Given that the cabinet have not used the £4 million contingency funds that were put aside by the previous administration in 2010, nor the £5.5 million that he allocated in 2011, will the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety review his decision to put an additional £9 million into contingency funds in 2012/13 and even more in 2013/14, and use this instead to protect essential front line services and to roll-back some of the savage cuts he has unnecessarily imposed on our residents?

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

Will the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety support our motion to use some of the £9 million he was planning to put in the contingency fund in February to fully fund the safer neighbourhood team sergeants?

**23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN**

Will the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety outline what consultation with local people occurred before he took the decision to shut the access route to the Heygate?

**24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER**

Please can the cabinet member for resources, finance and community safety provide figures for:

- a) the total number of complaints received by the noise team since 1 April 2011
- b) the number of out of hours complaints received since 1 April 2011
- c) the number of complaints that have resulted in court action since 1 April 2011?

**25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK**

Will the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety please provide how much the council has spent since 1 April 2011 on refreshments for meetings and training based in council offices? How much of the refreshments is not consumed?

**26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL**

What further steps will the cabinet member take in order to implement the London Living Wage?

**27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON**

Does she believe that the opening of the most recent White Cube on Bermondsey Street, the biggest in London, means that Southwark is continuing to cement its position at the heart of London's contemporary art community?

**28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU**

Does she believe that the savings made in the completion of Canada Water library will diminish the final offer to local residents?

**29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER**

While it is good news that the council is keeping all 12 of Southwark's libraries open, could she set out the savings the council has found elsewhere in the library services budget in order to achieve this?

**30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN AHERN**

Can she provide an update on the council's preparations for London 2012?

**31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON**

Our successful Millwall Friday night football sessions at the James Allyn's Girls School's astroturf pitch is currently providing a much-needed healthy outlet for up to 80 young people every Friday night from 7.30pm until 9.00pm, but we have trouble raising funding every year and will run out of funding for this year after Christmas. Because the hours of the sessions are outside community games coaches' working hours, we have always had problems including these sessions within the community games program, which is why we've gone to Millwall for provision. Therefore, can the cabinet member for culture, leisure, sports and the Olympics please provide a breakdown of all the costs of the community games programme - including the locations of all the existing sessions - and will she consider funding our Millwall sessions out of next year's community games budget allocation in tandem with the community games sessions in the rest of the borough?

**32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY**

Is she disappointed that there will no longer be a council-run event in the south of the borough this year?

**33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON**

To publish a table containing the following admissions data for school applications to Kingsdale School for entry in September 2010 and 2011:

- a) The number of applications made by pupils from Langbourne Primary School, and show the numbers who successfully gained a place?
- b) The number of applications made by pupils in schools outside the borough, and show the numbers who successfully gained a place?

Any successful applications due to appeals or with statements should be quantified.

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

Would the cabinet member for children's services please provide a breakdown by ethnicity of children in the council's care:

- a) awaiting a decision as to whether to put up for adoption (with the shortest, average and longest wait)

- b) awaiting adoption following a decision to put up for adoption (with the shortest, average and longest wait)
- c) in respect of whom a decision has been made that adoption would not be in the best interests of the child.

Within each of (a), (b) and (c) above the information being given for the following categories: foundlings; other children under one year of age at the time of coming into care; children aged one year or over but under five at the time of coming into care; children aged five years or over but under 12 at the time of coming into care; and children 12 and over at the time of coming into care?

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

Would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling, Councillor Barrie Hargrove, confirm whether he is taking up the offer of funding by Transport for London to sustain the threatened school crossing patrols in Dulwich and elsewhere in the borough in 2012/13?