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.

3. A question from a community council must have been previously considered and noted by the relevant community council (CAPR 2.9.2).
1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS
   Can the leader confirm which councillors are the worst performing attendees of council meetings since 2010?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL
   How many families in Southwark have benefited from government's increased number of free childcare hours, broken down by age group?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON
   As the council approaches the end of the warm, dry, safe programme, what further plans does the leader have to improve housing in the borough?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI
   For what reason has the proposed Mike Nelson ‘pyramid’ artwork at the Heygate been cancelled? Who made the decision to withdraw the proposal? What costs has the council already incurred on this project (including any amounts still to be paid)?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY
   Can the leader provide an update on the progress of the council’s commitment to build 11,000 new homes in the borough?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN
   What is the average time it takes for the council to pay back rent account credit owed to tenants?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES
   Can the leader update on what progress has been made London-wide on cycling safety since the recent deaths in the capital?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER
   What recent contact has he or other council representatives had with BT regarding improving broadband speeds in the Rotherhithe peninsula?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND
   What action is the cabinet taking to improve standards in the private rented sector?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES
    Does the leader think residents in Southwark who are subjected to large scale developments in close proximity to their homes that have a significant impact on the quality of their home lives and cumulatively exceed 24 months should be entitled to a reduction in their council tax, either paid for by the developers as part of their section 106 agreements or by the council as the planning authority? Will he ask officers to look into whether such a policy could be introduced in Southwark?
11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE
   What further action is the council taking to tackle the rise of legal loan sharks in Southwark?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN
   Does he believe it was appropriate for the consultation on the demolition of Albion Street Library and Civic Centre to take place over the Christmas period after official notice of the proposed work was given on 19 December 2013? What account has it taken of the 622 petition signatures already submitted to the council opposing the plans?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL
   Does the leader agree that it is disappointing that the Deputy Prime Minister has failed to commit to free school meals for all and has not taken advantage of the opportunity to work cross-party with Southwark on this important initiative?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK
   What progress has been made on setting up a voluntary sector commission as proposed by Community Action Southwark?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)
   In view of the tragic death of a cyclist on the junction of Camberwell Road and Albany Road, when will the council install safety measures such as Trixi mirrors?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)
   Please could you provide an update on the consultation process, scheduled works and timescale for Network Rail Peckham Rye Station redevelopment project. Given that a lot of the arts based economic activity continues to recognise the established creative industries and will encourage new creative industries to emerge?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)
   How many community organisations in the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council area have lost funding this financial year?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)
What amounts have been disbursed by the council and Thames Water under their schemes to assist businesses in Herne Hill affected by the burst main in August 2013?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the delivery on the cemeteries strategy agreed by cabinet in June 2012, including what additional work is being undertaken with the London Environmental Directors Network (LEDNET) and the Greater London Authority to identify a regional solution to the shortage of burial space in London?

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

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the council's Clean Air 4 Schools (CA4S) programme?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

What plans does the council have to improve pedestrian safety on Borough High Street?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the progress of the 20mph programme?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

What does the cabinet member believe the implications would be were Barclays to withdraw sponsorship from the cycle hire scheme in 2015?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

Can the cabinet member provide a progress update on the Herne Hill – Dulwich flood alleviation scheme?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Does the cabinet member agree with the Local Government Association that government plans to ban councils from operating CCTV parking patrols outside schools could put children at risk?

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

Following the council's recent decision to increase its target for journeys conducted by bike from 5% to 10% by 2026, what new schemes has the cabinet member
introduced to use the council’s own powers to begin progress towards this new target? How has the cabinet member sought specifically to address renewed concerns about cycle safety following the tragic deaths of six cyclists on London’s roads in a two week period in November 2013?

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

What meetings has the cabinet member had with Cycling England since he was appointed as the council’s Cycling England ‘Member Champion for Cycling’ in June 2013?

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

How many times have the council ticketed delivery lorries on Southwark Park Road since 1 January 2011? How much has the council collected in fines from these vehicles? What is the council doing to discourage the regular illegal parking by delivery lorries to Tesco in Bermondsey?

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

Is the cabinet member aware of the bags of rubbish regularly piled up outside blocks of flats on Bath Terrace [Bath House, Devonshire House and Trinity House]? Will he look into what can be done to support residents in keeping this area free from rubbish bags outside of bin collection days?

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

How many council vehicles have been involved in road accidents involving cyclist since 1 January 2011? Please give details of each incident, including type of vehicle involved and any injuries or damage suffered.

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

What meetings has the cabinet member had with Transport for London (TfL) about reconfiguring Rotherhithe roundabout to help ease traffic congestion around Jamaica Road?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

Would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling set out what steps the council has taken and/or will take to obtain from Thames Water (a) the results of their forensic tests of the main that burst at Herne Hill on 7 Aug 2013, and (b) assurances that the main is fit for purpose throughout its length in Southwark?
33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

What is the cabinet member doing to tackle repeat fly-tippers in and around Stevenson Crescent? How many prosecutions have been made in the past three years for fly-tipping a) around Stevenson Crescent and b) across the whole of Southwark?

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

What is the average waiting time to receive an allotment once a request has been made? How many new allotment plots has the council made available from its own land in the past three years? What plans does the council have to make more land available for new allotments?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

How many a) speeding tickets, b) parking tickets and c) fines for other road contraventions have been issued to council vehicles since 1 January 2011?

36. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

Could the cabinet member explain what measures the council has in place to tackle fraud in housing services?

37. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

Could the cabinet member update the council assembly on the current programme of improvement works to tenants and residents’ association halls?

38. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN AHERN

Could the cabinet member update the council assembly on the current programme of improvement works to sheltered accommodation?

39. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS BROWN

Could the cabinet member detail how are local residents being involved in determining the future of the Lakanal block?

40. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

Could the cabinet member describe the progress of the year on year level of tenancy checks and the initial findings of the current programme?

41. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON
What steps will the cabinet member take to review and improve Southwark’s tenant involvement work given the complete loss of confidence in Dulwich amongst elected members and representatives of tenants and residents in their performance?

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

How many officers (full time employment equivalent) are in the housing downsizing team at the council? How many residents have been helped to downsize to smaller properties in the past year? What is the latest update on changes to the IT system for mutual exchanges?

43. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

What support is the council offering to residents of Frank Whymark House?

44. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON

How many empty homes are there in the borough? How many of these have been empty more than a) six months and b) two years?

45. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the Nunhead Outer London Fund regeneration project?

46. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS

Following recent claims about a lack of consultation with residents and traders around the Gateway to Peckham project, can the cabinet member provide an update on the project and reassurance that consultation is taking place?

47. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Can the cabinet member tell me what steps we are taking to improve gateways into the Aylesbury estate, for example on West Moorland Road?

48. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES

What progress is the council making with plans for the regeneration of Albion Street?

49. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET
Will the council consider a compulsory purchase order for the land adjacent to Melville Court, at the junction of Lower Road and Croft Street, as part of plans for changes to the local road network?

50. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Does the cabinet member support Lambeth cabinet's recent decision to set out a table of appropriate licensing hours for different premises and different locations in the borough, in order that residents can be given greater protection from alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour? Does he agree with me that such measures could add value to the Borough and Bankside saturation policy – which despite its title does not in itself prevent any new premises from opening – and assist licensees to better understand the true nature of the local area in which they plan to operate? Would he consider introducing them in Southwark?

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

How much of the council’s £800,000 welfare hardship fund has been spent to date, broken down by type of spending?

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

How many potential breaches of personal data have occurred since January 2011? For each case, please give a description of the data affected including date and how many records were affected.

53. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

What contribution is the sport and leisure services team currently making to tackle the problem of childhood obesity?

54. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

How many incidents of children in care going missing for more than 24 hours have been recorded in each of the past four years? How many children are currently missing from care, and for how long have they been missing in each case?

55. QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Could the chair of planning committee set out the "special circumstances" which would justify departure from the council's policy of protecting Metropolitan Open Land?