

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 26 January 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Members' Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

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 also be rotated. 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. The rotation is in line with decisions of council assembly in July 2014 and rotations circulated by the proper constitutional officer in April 2015.

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 CATHERINE DALE

Can the leader give an update on the council's commitment to build 1,500 new council homes by 2018?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

Which frontline council services other than youth and play services are facing a 73% budget cut?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Can the leader explain what the likely impact of the government's pay to stay proposals will be for residents in Southwark on social rents?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Given that the reduced play service is moving from children's services to parks and leisure at the end of March, what steps has the leader taken to ensure that all the "new" positions will be filled by the 1 April so that there is continuity of service?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Can the leader explain how local residents will be consulted on the best location for the new Canada Water leisure centre?

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

Can the leader set out how many Southwark residents have responded to this year's council budget consultation so far?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LUCAS GREEN

How will the council respond to the government's proposals to force any schools rated "inadequate" to automatically become academies?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Please set out the current locations and number of homes to be provided by purchasing units from developers or housing associations as part of the administration's target of 11,000 new council homes over the next thirty years.

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI

What impact will the joint Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham Better Placed Joint Committee on skills and employment have on people in the borough who are struggling to find employment?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

If the majority of residents say as part of the current consultation that they want the existing Seven Islands or the shopping centre overspill car park as the site for the new leisure centre at Canada Water, will the leader of the council listen?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What action will the council take to prevent loss of Section 106 under government plans affecting contributions to local green spaces from future developments?

12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

We would like to ask the cabinet member for environment and public realm to lobby Transport for London (TfL) for the installation of a new bus stop along Peckham High Street. This was in light of the recent fatality of an elderly resident in Peckham?"

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the leader of the council make sure that a full traffic management survey is carried out for the area between Great Dover Street, Borough High Street, Tower Bridge Road and the river. Also, that it includes any information obtainable from Network Rail.

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

What steps is the council taking to prepare for any further closures of existing nursing homes in the borough?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

Will the council use its new powers to increase council tax by up to 2% to fund adult social care services in Southwark?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS

Can the cabinet member give an update on progress on the mental health challenge?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR KARL EASTHAM

How much additional funding would the government's proposed 2% council tax precept for social care raise in Southwark? What proportion of the adult social care budget would this cover?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE

How many 11 year olds in the borough have taken up the Smart Savers offer and signed up to the credit union?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Please set out the number of new requests for adult care social services that have been made by both vulnerable and non-vulnerable residents over the past five years and how many of each category have been accepted or rejected each year?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY

What has been the initial response from GPs and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to the introduction of debt advisers in GP surgeries?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Can the cabinet member give an update on the progress of the ethical care charter?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO

Can the cabinet member give an update on the progress of the work to make Southwark an Age Friendly Borough?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN

What progress has there been implementing each of the Childcare Commission recommendations?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Can the cabinet member confirm the number of additional reception places that will be available from September 2016?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Can the cabinet member give an update on the implementation of the council tax exemption for Southwark foster carers and adopters?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR SUNNY LAMBE

Can the cabinet member explain what work is being done to ensure that pupil premium for eligible three and four year olds is being claimed?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

Please confirm the overall number of flytipping incidents and actions recorded by the council in 2014-2015.

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

What steps is the council taking to re-introduce the cycle to work scheme for its employees?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Please provide a table showing how long the council has taken to approve applications by leaseholders and freeholders for works to their homes over the past five years (broken down by the number of each group receiving permission within periods of 1-3 months; 3-6 months; 6-9 months; over 9 months in each year).

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

Does the cabinet member agree that the government's new starter homes policy will have a negative impact on affordable housing provision in the borough and how will the policy be mitigated against in the New Southwark Plan?