

Item No. 4	Classification: Open	Date: 28.04.04	Meeting Name Council Assembly
Report title:		Members Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.8 : MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Council Assembly Procedure Rule 3.8 Members' Question Time shall not exceed 45 minutes. During this time, Members may not question any one Executive Member or Committee Chair for longer than fifteen minutes.

Members are limited to one question at each meeting.

Questions shall be taken in the following order; the Leader, the Deputy Leader, the Executive Member for Communication & Performance Improvement; the Executive Member for Community Safety, Social Inclusion & Youth; the Executive Member for Education & Culture; the Executive Member for Environment and Transport; the Executive Member for Resources; the Executive Member for Health and Social Care; the Executive Member for Housing; and the Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development. The order of questions is rotated by the Borough Solicitor & Secretary at every meeting (CAPR 3.8 (9) & (10)).

Executive Members and Committee Chairs have discretion to refer a question to another Executive Member if this is appropriate.

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 first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. Therefore, questions to the Leader or other Executive Members are not free ranging.

No question shall be asked on a matter concerning a Planning or Licensing application.

(NOTE: In accordance with Council Assembly Procedure Rule 3.8 (9) & (10) (Prioritisation and rotation by the political groups) the order in which questions appear in this report may not necessarily be the order in which they are considered at the meeting).

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MARK PURSEY

Can the Leader give me an update on the Council's 'Six to Fix'?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR KIM HUMPHREYS

Noting that Section C of the Council's whistle blowing policy requires all referrals to be notified to the Head of Administrative Services for the purposes of monitoring and review, would the Leader of the Council please schedule all such notifications since 01/01/2002 with date, relevant department, outline of topic and outcome, of each whistle blowing notification?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR PETER JOHN

What criteria will be used to select the 8 new area members of the Southwark Alliance Board?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JANE SALMON

Can the Leader tell me how many Council offices he has visited already as part of his 'Roadshow' and can he tell me how many more he plans to visit this year?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAM ROWE

The Executive papers for 13/04/04 (page.320) state that there are 200 shops in the Borough accepting cash for Council Services. Would the Leader publish the details of all the shops in the Dulwich Community Council area?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

Could the Leader tell me how many votes have been cast so far in this year's Blue Plaques campaign?

7. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL WATSON

Could the Deputy Leader please inform me of the results of the Aylesbury New Deal for Communities bid for London Housing Board funding?

8. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT SMEATH

What account is taken of low levels of numeracy and literacy by the Council's Communication Strategy and how will the steps you and your

colleagues are taking improve communications with these disadvantaged adults?

9. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR ALFRED BANYA

Can the Executive Member confirm that violent crime, particularly knife related robberies, rape and sexual assault have increased in Southwark, and that the lack, over the last two years, of pro-active campaigns and educational work, especially on knife related crime, has contributed to this increase ?

10. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIARY

What impact has the introduction of Street Wardens had on the level of street robberies?

11. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

What are the key performance measures for Community Street Wardens and what is the base measure from which indicators will be assessed?

12. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR ANNE YATES

Could the Executive Member indicate the extent to which the long-awaited Millwall walkway has reduced criminal incidents near the New Den football ground?

13. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

Could the Executive Member please tell me how the recruitment for the Rotherhithe Community Wardens is going and when the new recruits are likely to hit the streets?

14. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR DANNY McCARTHY

Could I congratulate the Executive Member on winning Beacon Council status for Community Safety and could he please explain to the Council what Beacon status entails?

15. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR DR ABDUR RAHMAN OLAYIWOLA

Has there been any success in the reduction of burglary in Southwark over the past 12 months?

16. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Could I ask the Executive Member when he plans to extend the Wardens service to the rest of the Borough?

17. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, SOCIAL INCLUSION & YOUTH FROM COUNCILLOR JELIL LADIPO

What is the Council doing to prevent crime and the fear of crime in West Walworth?

18. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ALUN HAYES

The executive member for Education and Culture will be aware that children and parents in the St Mary's Road area of Nunhead have been waiting for many months to see improvements to the play ground adjacent to the Pioneer Centre. Therefore, will he gives responses to the following:

- what plans the Council's legal section has to secure the outstanding £50K pledged by the Pioneer Centre developer for play ground improvements?
- does he believe the three year delay in receiving this money is acceptable?
- have there been deficiencies in Council procedures which require action?

19. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

Would the Executive Member please outline his proposals for undertaking the review called for in the School Organisation Plan 2003/08 (agreed by the Schools Organisation Committee on 29/03/04) and by the Council Assembly's resolution on 29/10/03 (item 5.1) which asked the Executive and the School Organisation Committee;

"To consider no later than October 2004 a report, based inter alia on research into the success/failure of admissions applications for entry in January and September 2004 to maintained schools in the Herne Hill and Dulwich area, on the desirability of increasing primary provision in that area."

20. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

In December 2002 the Executive received a report on Education Performance that stated "Basic skills amongst adults in Southwark continues to be very low with 25% residents lacking basic numeracy and

literacy skills" What overall improvement in percentage terms has been achieved in adult basic numeracy and literacy in Southwark in the past two years?

21. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

I am pleased to learn of the launch of the Southwark Community Games. Will all Southwark school children be given the opportunity to participate and how?

22. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Will the Executive Member welcome with me the Audit Commission rating given to the play services/after-school service and could he/she tell me about any plans to expand and improve this service?

23. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

Can the Executive Member tell me when the new common admissions arrangement will be in place?

24. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC THORNCROFT

Further to the planned improved works to the forecourt at Queen's Road station, will the Executive member for Environment and Transport agree with me that issues of access mean that the station platform is out of reach for many elderly/disabled people? If so:

- will he support an access survey, (the findings to be discussed with the station users group)?
- will the council executive support the use of some council funds to allow the installation of a stairwell lift at Queen's Road station?
- will he support the earmarking of S106 monies from adjacent development sites for this purpose?

25. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE

I shall be grateful if the Executive Member for Environment & Transport could set out for us what he is proposing to do to address the growing discontent with the standard of the kerbside collection recycling service provided?

26. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR AUBYN GRAHAM

With regard to the new wardens in parks, aside from trying to measure reduction in the fear of crime, what other measures is it intended to use to assess whether wardens bring tangible improvements, represent value for money and "achieve the results the scheme has signed up to" ?

27. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MICHELLE PEARCE

What is the "vision" of the Dulwich Park area "potential" and what is the "strategy for its improvement" that wardens are expected to achieve?

28. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

Can the Executive Member please tell me when the free green waste collection begins and any other relevant details about the scheme?

29. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ALISON MOISE

Would the Executive Member for Resources, please provide a breakdown of the basic pay and the special responsibility allowances paid to the following posts stated below from May 2002 to March 2003.

Also, will she print the name of each person in receipt of the above, sorted alphabetically,

Southwark Council's Chief Officers

Southwark Council's Private Sector Consultants,

and Southwark's Executive (which is made up of 10 councillors who each hold a special 'portfolio' of responsibility).

30. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR TONY RITCHIE

In the light of the letter sent to all Councillors by the Members Services Manager dated 8th December 2003 concerning the tax implications on telephone allowances, would the Executive Member please provide a table giving a break-down of all individual Councillor telephone costs paid for by the Council since May 2002 - including totals for all home, mobile and blackberry bills? In addition could she also give a break-down of the total figures paid for telephone bills for the same period from each Party group room?

31. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR TAYO SITU

What progress is the Council making with regard to staffing and equal opportunities ? What is the current position with regard to ethnicity, gender, disability etc. of Southwark's workforce ? Please advise on numbers at each salary grade and show similar information for the last two years?

32. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR VERONICA WARD

How many disabled adults, especially those with learning difficulties are in residential homes out of the Borough, and London; away from relatives and friends. How many times a year are these people visited by Social Services and have their case reviewed?

33. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR CATRIONA MOORE

Could the Executive Member please reiterate her position on Aylesbury Day Centre given the speculation surrounding this site?

34. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN O'BRIEN

Could the Executive Member give details of the consultation timetable with regard to the housing allocation review?

35. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON

Would the Executive Member for Regeneration please publish a schedule of all outstanding undertakings to make contributions under "Section 106" agreements, which will include the following information by ward;

The date of the section 106 agreement, the undertakings given and whether any payment has been made to the Council and remains unapplied to the purpose stated in the agreement?

36. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHEN FLANNERY

Further to the award of planning permission for a new health centre at Bermondsey Spa could the Executive Member please tell me when work is due to begin on this centre?

37. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN HUNT

What plans does she have for notifying Community Councils of property that may become available to sell, thus allowing councillors and citizens to determine whether such property might continue to be required by the people?