

**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

**(ORDINARY)**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 9 2008**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM MR PATRICK YORKE**

That the council calls on the post office authority to set the last collection period of mail at their Highshore Road Branch SE15 to read 7.00pm instead of 5.30pm as during the regeneration of Peckham the community lost some postal boxes and as such this influences the collection time.

**RESPONSE**

I would be happy to write on your behalf to the Post Office Limited and ask that they look into this situation.

**2. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF RESOURCES FROM MR PAUL KELLY**

Now that the council has gained awareness of the social/cultural/environmental benefits and the community-based support for the Spike Surplus Scheme (39B Consort Road), would they consider granting an extension of the current lease for two years to allow time for the trust to explore a broader scope of funding possibilities?

**RESPONSE**

At its meeting of the April 8 2008 the executive resolved to authorise the deputy chief executive to dispose of the council's interest in this and other named properties. Further that the tenants of 39b Consort Road be afforded a period of time to agree the terms of any sale with the council in advance of a sale to a third party.

Officers are currently implementing this decision. There is however outstanding litigation in relation to this matter and the council is advised not to comment further at this time.

**3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM MS SINDI TAAK**

If an employee of Southwark Council makes a decision or takes action whilst carrying out their duties which is subsequently flawed does Southwark Council take responsibility and/or remedial action or is the individual concerned singularly responsible.

**RESPONSE**

Actions or decisions taken by individual staff properly in the course of their duties are the responsibility of Southwark Council. The only circumstances where staff would be individually culpable are where negligence or deliberate acts are

involved. Clearly, internally the council would need to look into instances where staff have made mistakes and may need to put in place development or other interventions, so as to ensure there is no recurrence. Where the council is made aware of allegations of malpractice by its staff it has internal policies and procedures to ensure that these are properly investigated.