

Council Assembly

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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.

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 second to 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.

Cabinet members and committee chairs have discretion to refer a question to another cabinet member.

Responses to members' questions will be circulated 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 OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HUMAIRA ALI

Traditionally tenant management organisations (TMOs) have had a membership of tenants only. Today many properties are owned by leaseholders who pay full service charges yet they don't have any rights of decision making where TMOs are concerned. What will the council do to modernise the modular management arrangements (MMA) to ensure that all voices of those who pay for services are heard and that leaseholders have a right to become members of the TMO? Furthermore what guidance is in place to encourage TMOs to modernise and allow leaseholders a seat at the table? (In London Bridge and West Bermondsey this is the Leathermarket joint management board and Fair Community Housing Services.)

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD LIVINGSTONE

Can the Leader explain how the council has made it easier and safer for children and young people to travel around the borough using active transport?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Could the Leader provide an update on Maydew House? When does he think these homes, which have been empty for a decade, will be occupied again?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE

Can the Leader tell us what the council is doing to work with young people to reduce serious youth crime?

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

The Leader has previously said; "We have to win the support and consent of residents to where we build new homes and we should only be building on land where we can get the communities support to do that" and "We'll have conversations about all sorts of sites across the borough and some of them will clearly be non-starters because the community think it's the wrong thing to do." What does Southwark Council clearly define as 'communities support' for a specific project? How can existing residents, tenants and Leaseholders of that block withhold their support and consent to object to and prevent an unwanted development from going ahead?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD LEEMING

The level of air pollution in London is a public health emergency, and too many young people are breathing this toxic air every day; brought to public attention

recently by the inquest into the terrible and unjust death of Ella Kissi-Debrah. What is the council doing to improve air quality in our borough?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR NICK JOHNSON

What steps are the council taking to ensure that the vision for South Dock Marina and Boatyard as a 'Marine centre of excellence' is delivered and what steps are the council taking to work and co create the above vision with South Dock Marina Berthholders Association (SDBHA) members as agreed at the last meeting of SDBHA committee members and senior Southwark staff and directors?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR SANDRA RHULE

According to the Office of National Statistics, young adults are the age group most hesitant about receiving a Covid-19 vaccination. What plans is the council putting in place to encourage those aged 16-24 to take up the vaccine when offered?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

Given Southwark's requirement for student planning development applicants to provide affordable student accommodation, could developers please be required to prioritise this accommodation to Southwark students presently living in over-crowded accommodation?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

The Elim Daycare centre in Peckham is an important part of our provision for older black and minority ethnic residents in Southwark. What steps will the council be taking to work with the users and trustees of the centre to secure the future of this much needed culturally appropriate day care provision for the people of the borough?

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

Could the Leader please provide an update on how it is engaging with private and housing association residents to help them with cladding and snagging in the borough and what has been achieved to date? How many EWS1 forms has the council helped residents obtain since February 2021 council budget funding was agreed for this area of the council? (noting the Fire Safety Bill was passed into law – and duly became the Fire Safety Act 2021 – on Thursday 29 April)

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

What was the maximum waiting time for the call centre to answer the phone calls by the residents and tenants? I had many calls from tenants and residents that they have been waiting about 45 minutes and their mobile phone credits run out and asked me to call the call centre on behalf of them. I too experienced the similar waiting time. It is not acceptable. Elderly and disabled people gave up calling the call centre.

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

When will the council start acting on its action plan for the Climate Emergency? Will this action plan detail what the council plans to spend the £101m in capital it announced was put aside for the Climate Emergency earlier this year?

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN

Please could the Cabinet Member advise the carbon footprint of building and separately running the Bakerloo Line Extension, the estimated cost of offsetting this, and who will pay these costs to ensure Southwark stays carbon neutral?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SARAH KING

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on Southwark's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, and outline emerging priorities for the borough?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SIRAJUL ISLAM

As the largest social landlord in the country, what steps can Southwark take to respond to the Climate Emergency in the management of its housing stock, and through the delivery of new council housing?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JACK BUCK

Can the Cabinet Member give an update on the process for adoption of the New Southwark Plan, and what this will mean for the delivery of genuinely affordable housing in the borough?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Two years ago I attended a planning conference, where the council proudly presented the digitisation tools it had invested in – one of which was for monitoring affordable housing, and which had cost circa £230,000. Please could the Cabinet Member therefore confirm using this expensive tool or otherwise, how many of the affordable housing units that were due to be delivered as part of S106 agreements have in fact been delivered? And provide me a list of the

number of shortfalls identified by site and Developer? And where any shortfall is identified, what steps is the council taking to insist on the delivery of those units?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

A recent GLA monitoring report on Carbon Offset Funds noted that Southwark is legally entitled to £6.802m of carbon offset funds since 2016, but has collected less than 30% of this (£4.868m outstanding). Further, despite over 2 years since declaring a Climate Emergency, there is no mention of plans on how this money will be spent. As at end June 2021, how much still remains uncollected, when will it be collected by year, indicating which developers owe these funds, and on what exactly is Southwark planning to spend this money to offset the carbon impact of development?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Trees and green spaces bring a multitude of ecological, physical and mental benefits to the borough. How are the council's planning policies ensuring that existing green space and trees are protected?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

How many LGBTQ+ venues have closed in Southwark by type of venue since 2010 by year? How many LGBTQ+ venues have replaced them by type and when? What is the council doing to encourage more LGBTQ+ night venues in Southwark?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES COLDWELL

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what investment we have made in our libraries this year?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

Can the Cabinet Member tell us how much has been invested into supporting local community organisations and groups during the COVID-19 pandemic?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR DORA DIXON-FYLE

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what progress has been made under the Southwark Stands Together programme that was launched in response to George Floyd's murder?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Can the Cabinet member tell us what the council is doing to address the Windrush scandal and failing compensation scheme?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND DEMOCRACY FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD

The council has noted that there is insufficient land in Southwark to achieve its council house building programme. Please could the Cabinet Member advise how much council land in hectares, by year has been sold since 2010, and the total revenue received by year versus the hectares of land purchased back into council control and costs of such purchase?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

Whilst the council is planning much for youth on mental health, what additional services and investment is the council planning to help adults with mental health issues amid intense pressure on NHS services and increased demand following the pandemic and what is the timetable for implementing them?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PARKS AND SPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Following a number of accidents and near misses, could the Cabinet Member explain what action the council is taking to address the serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Nunhead and Queen's Road Ward, in regard to the junction between Kimberly Avenue and Evelina Road?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PARKS AND SPORT FROM COUNCILLOR VIKKI MILLS

The entire length of Peckham Rye East is a major north-south commuting route for cyclists which forms part of London Cycle Network Route 22 and is signposted as such. However, for the great majority of Peckham Rye East there are no dedicated cycle facilities and cyclists are frequently endangered by motor traffic. Draft plans for a segregated route have previously been drawn up and consulted on and, crucially, these plans did not affect the Common, rather they would see the road narrowed for motor vehicles. The segregated route would ideally link the existing cycle slip lane that ends at The Rye pub and go as far as Stuart Road. With no recent developments on the scheme, will the Cabinet Member commit to urgently progressing this important route for cyclists?

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