

Item No. 2.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 February 2023	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Questions on Reports – 2.1 Policy and Resources Strategy 2023-24: Revenue Budget	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Responses to questions on reports will be circulated around the council chamber on the evening of the meeting.

1. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR ELLIE CUMBO

Many of our residents are struggling with the cost of living and particularly rising fuel bills. It is vital the council provides support and advice to residents. This Budget report contains a commitment of £100, 000 for the Energy Support Savers Scheme; could the cabinet member tell us more about this scheme?

2. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR REGINALD POPOOLA

Could the Cabinet member please let the assembly know how the increase in energy costs and inflation has affected this budget?

3. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR IAN WINGFIELD

The Government continue to provide only a one year settlement, how does this impact on the plans to build long-term budgets?

4. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR MARGY NEWENS

What progress has the council made in allocating the Climate Emergency capital fund?

5. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR JOSEPH VAMBE

Can you give assurances that the budget is delivering Streets for People and supports the aspiration of the Streets for People Cabinet report passed on December 6 2022?

6. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE ABACHOR

As households bill are expected to continue to rise in the coming year, what council tax support is being provided for low income families?

7. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has announced he will provide £130m to offer free school meals to all primary school age children for a year. As Southwark already offers this provision and will, will the cabinet member commit to using any additional funds to expand free school meals to secondary school pupils?

8. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR RACHEL BENTLEY

Southwark Council appears to be pursuing a strategy of using public parks for commercial gain. How much money was raised from commercial use of parks last year? What are the projected funds from the commercialisation of public parks in the borough this coming year? How much money does the events team need to generate to cover the costs of the team?

9. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EQUALITIES AND FINANCE FROM COUNCILLOR JANE SALMON

Southwark's estates and streets are already blighted by fly-tipping and raising the bulky waste charge to £35, as outlined in budget line 213, will potentially worsen this situation. What are you doing to improve communication to residents around how to dispose of waste responsibly? How many fines were issued for fly-tipping in the past year? And what is your strategy for increasing action against flytippers?

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