

Item No. 5.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 October 2010	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Members' Question Time	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.8 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 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 be taken in the order of receipt and portfolio. 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.

Cabinet members and committee chairs have discretion to refer a question to another cabinet member if this is appropriate.

Responses to member's 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.

Note: In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 2.8 (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 FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Given the new leader of the opposition Ed Milliband has said that the previous Labour government was wrong on Iraq, wrong on civil liberties and wrong on immigration, does he have any regrets about the pledges in the manifesto of the current council administration and how can he reassure council assembly that his successor in four years time won't be apologising on his behalf?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR VIKKI MILLS

What work has been done in preparation for the comprehensive spending review?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

How many children are educated at Southwark primary schools whose home address is in:

- a) Lambeth?
- b) Lewisham?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

Has the leader yet received a response from Eric Pickles to his offer to visit him and make Southwark's case?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM MCNALLY

On 1 September he wrote on his blog about Ed Miliband that "his time has not yet arrived". What does it say about his judgement as leader of the council?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES

In the Labour local election manifesto the leader committed to opening up the budget making process. What has he done to meet this pledge?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

Will he commit to ring-fencing the money repatriated from the London Council's grant committee for the voluntary sector in Southwark?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

What representations has the Leader made over the proposals to construct long term worksites at the Druid Street playground and King's Stairs gardens?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

Does the leader think it is appropriate for members of the cabinet to have other responsibilities either within or outside the council?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHEN GOVIER

What innovative proposals is the leader making in order to plug the housing funding gap which was allowed to open up under the last administration?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

What are the plans in terms of implementing free primary school meals for all, particularly in light of this week's announcement at the which will mean some Southwark families will lose their child benefit which may be 7 percent of their household income or more?

12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN MORRISSEY

What impact does the cabinet member believe the government's decision to abolish the NHS Direct will have on local people?

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

What effect does the cabinet member anticipate the government's emergency budget will have on adult social services in Southwark and how will the council be assessing the impact of any changes?

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

Please provide an update on progress against the cabinet members' manifesto commitments to introduce a social care telephone helpline and a new charter of rights for those in need of social care.

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

What feedback has the cabinet member received on the recent visit by the Care Quality Commission (CQC)?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND

What impact does the cabinet member believe the abolition of primary care trusts will have on the provision of health services in Southwark? How does she believe the council's role will change following their abolition? Is she optimistic about that change?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

How long does it take to review meals on wheels charges? And when will local people see the review's recommendations on how she proposes to meet Labour's commitment to halve charges for both fresh and frozen meals on wheels and what is the cost to the authority?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

Who did you work with to develop the charter of rights for people with social care needs?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

When will the dedicated care line for older and vulnerable people be set up, how much will it cost and who will run it?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

Does she plan to review the eligibility criteria for adult social care?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

Will she explain to council assembly what she is doing as part of Lambeth/Southwark joint working to ensure local people in Dulwich have services left at their local hospital for them to use given the last Labour government allowed Dulwich Hospital to fall into decay and ruin, with main services such as intermediate care taken away altogether and other outpatient services seriously reduced, blood testing withdrawn and in addition the main lift is still out of use despite a promise in November 2009 that this was only temporary?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Can the cabinet member please provide an update on progress to regenerate the Aylesbury estate?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

How many affordable homes does the cabinet member believe would have been delivered as part of the Elephant and Castle regeneration agreement if she had not secured a minimum guarantee for affordable homes?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Does the cabinet member think the decision to 'call-in' the implementation of the Tory/Liberal Democrat government's in-year spending cuts to the working neighbourhoods fund was in the public interest?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

How much did it cost to carry out the consultation on the leisure options for the Elephant and Castle?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

How will the Newington Reference Library be retained and improved if Walworth Town Hall is sold off?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Where will Bermondsey one stop shop be located if Bermondsey Town Hall is sold off?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Could the cabinet member reassure council assembly that the adopted Bankside, Borough and London Bridge supplementary planning document (SPD) – which is out for re-consultation with the public at the moment – will clearly reflect the views and aspirations of

the local communities, what confidence does she have in the consultation process and how will associated policies will be strengthened to reflect those views?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

Does she think it appropriate to make jokes on Twitter about Thames Water's plans to concrete over King's Stairs gardens and the Alfred Slater playground?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

Can she tell me how much money has currently been set aside through section 106 agreements, the local implementation plan (LIP) and other funding streams to tackle traffic congestion on Lower Road and Jamaica Road, and to increase road capacity ahead of future regeneration schemes in both Southwark and North Lewisham?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

How committed is the cabinet member to providing a pool at the Elephant and Castle? What is her opinion of the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group's suggestion that the leisure centre ought to be paid for by guaranteeing profits instead of affordable housing?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

Does the cabinet member believe that the coalition government's emergency budget will have a disproportionate impact on children and young people in Southwark? What steps is she taking to mitigate this impact?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Is the cabinet member concerned that changes to child benefit might have a harmful impact on parents in Southwark?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

In June's Southwark Life, Councillor Peter John said, 'We've made a commitment to introduce free, healthy school meals for primary children over the next four years. I hope we can roll it out for year one from September'. – what happened?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

How is help being targeted at disadvantaged groups to increase take up of childcare and early years services?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

How many spare places are there in reception classes?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON

Could the cabinet member please update the council assembly on the current status of the Dulwich Village 20mph zone signal junction redesign (Scheme B) at Dulwich Village and Turney Roads and, given 61% of local people backed the junction improvements when consulted, what steps is he taking to progress the remaining improvement works?

38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

What lessons have been learnt, so far, from the kitchen leftover recycling pilot?

39. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

How much will Southwark Council earn from selling renewable energy back to the grid following the lifting of restrictions by Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State for Climate Change?

40. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

How will the council ensure that changes to services and funding are assessed to ensure minimal impact on locally disadvantaged people in light of the new government's lack of attention to the area in the budget and current attempts to water down duties to equality assess proposals?

41. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

How much has been spent on the Democracy Commission, including the conference and staff time in supporting its deliberations?

42. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

Why did he cancel the meeting of the Democracy Commission on 1 October and did it have anything to do with Labour representatives not being able to attend and therefore unable to force through his personal proposals and does he feel this is a democratic way to run the commission?

43. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

What progress has been made on delivering Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to turn the plans for a new One O'Clock Club and changing rooms and pitches for local sports teams into reality?

44. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & SPORT AND THE OLYMPICS FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES

Could you outline what further work will be carried out with the extra funding raised for the refurbishment of Camberwell Leisure Centre? When will the centre re-open for residents to enjoy the new facilities? What plans are in place to secure the final phases of refurbishment?

45. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

How will the cabinet member implement the decision taken at the last council assembly meeting to publish all council expenditure over £500?