

**CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR HARGROVE
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT, COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENSHIP SCRUTINY
SUB-COMMITTEE
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GENERAL

1. Can the cabinet member describe the process for portfolio briefing he followed when he took up his post as cabinet member for Environment and Transport?
2. What does the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling consider to be the biggest threat to Council services in this borough?

RECYLING/REFUSE/FOOD PILOT

3. Does the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling believe his administration's commitment to double the recycling rate to 40% by 2014 will be met, and if so how will this challenging target be met?
4. What, if any, feedback can the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling provide on recycling performance right now?
5. What is the latest on the MUSCo?
6. Can the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling help explain the hiatus in Southwark's municipal waste annual recycling rate during the period 2007-08 - 2009-10?
7. Many residents in the weekly food waste & fortnightly residual rubbish 'pilot' areas have said the system is overly complicated and it would really help to have the option of blue wheelie bins to replace their multiple blue bags and boxes – can the cabinet member give his view on this request?
8. What is the timescale for rolling out the food waste recycling scheme borough-wide?
9. How do you foresee implementing the food waste recycling scheme on estates?
10. How much carbon is being emitted as a result of the new organic waste pilot?
11. Co mingling of dry recyclables was planned to be universal by November 2010 but is now planned for November 2011 – why the one year delay and what impact will this have on dry recycling?
12. Unnecessary packaging of supermarket items contributes heavily to domestic waste.
 - a) Will enforcement officer consider prosecutions to encourage supermarkets to minimize packaging?
 - b) are there any cross border, cross London strategies being considered to force supermarkets to play their part in the reduction of refuse

13. What is the Cabinet member doing to reduce the environmental consequences of providing meat & dairy products at council events, and does he plan to increase the proportion of plant-derived food provided by the Council at events and in the Council's café?
14. Cllr John said in Southwark News on 21 October 2010 that 'We don't have a very good record of outsourcing in Southwark.....We've had some pretty crappy failures'. Does the Cabinet member think the council's waste partnership with Veolia is one of these failures?
15. The previous executive member set in place the process to ensure the majority of Southwark vehicles fleet has side guards. Great achievement. Will the cabinet member build on this and ensure that Southwark makes the strongest representation to Veolia when it replaces the majority of its vehicles fleet in May/June that it has side guards installed to dramatically reduce the risks for cyclists and pedestrians in Southwark of going under their vehicles rear wheels?
16. We have heard evidence that the provision of the free bulk-waste collection service reduces fly-tipping and increases participation by residents – will the Cabinet Member commit to retaining this as a service free to residents?
17. What are the plans in terms of cracking down on people who dump bags of domestic refuse in the street?

ESTATE/DOMESTIC ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

18. Please could the member highlight what the full green audit will comprise of and measure?
19. Southwark has achieved 8 Green flags and very nearly achieved 9 under the previous executive members leadership. Can the cabinet member tell us of his plans in winning Green Flags for Southwark green spaces and specifically whether he will push Sainsbury's to achieve this standard for St.Francis park provided by them for Southwark?
20. What plans are there for temporary green spaces to be introduced on demolished building sites in the major regeneration programmes?
21. Could he highlight which current council estates will be using his manifesto commitment of combined heat and power energy? Please could he give us an idea when they will start?
22. .What is the Cabinet member doing to improve the energy efficiency and therefore reduce the carbon emissions of domestic properties in Southwark?
23. In line with Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to do so, can the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling update the sub-committee on progress toward opening two air quality monitoring stations?
24. What is the cabinet member doing to stop Thames Water building on Kingstairs Gardens?

25. What is the Cabinet member doing to ensure that council tenants can enter the Southwark in Bloom competition while complying with the council's health and safety regulations?
26. What are the future plans for council workers using petrol engine hand held leaf blowers. This appears to be at odds with other council green policies
27. Can the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling report back on progress toward delivering the Burgess Park Revitalisation Project?

MARKET STRATEGY/MARKETS

28. What plans is the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling bringing forward as part of the Market's strategy?
29. What is he doing to support markets across the borough?

HIGHWAYS SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

30. Does he think that road and highways maintenance is a matter for Cabinet or Community Councils?
31. Many streets suffer from excessive speeds by motor vehicles – what is your view on area average speed cameras versus other solutions?
32. Is the Cabinet member planning to Reestablish “play streets”?
33. What is the Cabinet member doing to encourage police enforcement of 20mph 'home zones'?
34. Is the Cabinet member looking into ways to reduce the number of parked cars on our streets over the next four years?
35. Can the cabinet member commit to publishing annually the web the highway condition data so residents can appreciate why one road is chosen for renewal and repair over another?
36. Many traffic signals are poorly designed often not maximising pedestrian green phases when traffic at red – can the cabinet member commit to having all traffic signal timings being placed in the public domain for public review?
37. When will residents be able to apply online or via any One Stop Shop for parking permits?
38. Can the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment & Recycling update the committee on the progress of the "Road Permit Network Scheme"?
39. What is the Cabinet member doing to reduce car domination of street-scapes?
40. At the moment there doesn't appear to be much co-ordination of traffic schemes at the borough boundaries. How do you think this could be improved upon?

CYCLING

41. Will the Cabinet Member work with the Mayor of London on extending the cycle hire scheme, and what will he do to create and support local non-profit cycle maintenance projects?
42. What is the Cabinet member doing to provide coherent cycle routes through Southwark?

BUSES

43. What can be done to persuade TFL to improve on failing bus routes such as the P12 which instead of running buses every 10 minutes is running them with service gaps of 30 to 50 minutes and dangerously overcrowded at school run times?
44. With the current austerity measures, do you think it's likely that the Mayor will abandon his plans to scrap the bendy buses (These are very popular with Southwark's users)

GRAVEYARDS

45. How does the cabinet member plan to resolve the impending grave shortage next summer/autumn?

MARINA DOCKS

46. Does the cabinet member have any plans or has he received any officer advice or suggestions to privatise Marina docks?