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| Item No. 5.1 | Classification: Open | Date: 17 October 2012 | Meeting Name: Council Assembly |
| Report title: | | Members' Question Time | |
| Ward(s) or groups affected: | | All | |
| From: | | Proper Constitutional Officer | |

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. One councillor from each community council will be able to submit a question on behalf of their community council.

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 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.

Responses to members' 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.

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.
3. A question from a community council must have been previously considered and noted by the relevant community council (CAPR 2.9.2).

1. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Can the leader state how many council homes have been built in Southwark since May 2010? How many council homes will be built in Southwark by May 2014? The promise to build 1000 council homes has been widely heralded by the leader – could he confirm that this will be a net gain to the borough of 1000 new council homes?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

How important is it for Southwark to have not only a strong police presence but infrastructure in order to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

What opportunities will residents have to publicly voice their opinions on the outline application for the regeneration at the Elephant and Castle at committee stage? Does the leader think that one evening at planning committee is enough time to discuss such a major project? Will he commit to holding the relevant planning committee meeting at the Elephant and Castle?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

How does he feel the record of this administration's record on housing compares with the last previous administration?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

Will the leader state how many new a) primary and b) secondary school places will be needed in Southwark by 2015? What is the leader personally doing to support a new secondary school in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe area?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

How many affordable homes would have been delivered at the Heygate under the previous administration's development agreement and how many will be delivered under agreement secured by this administration?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

What process does the council currently undertake to verify that developers are meeting their Section 106 commitments?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Could the leader give an update on the work to deliver on Southwark Labour's administration commitment to turn plans for a new One O'clock Club on Peckham Rye into a reality?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM MCNALLY

As of 1 October 2012, what is the current amount held by the council in a) reserves and b) contingency funds?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVEREND EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

Can the leader provide an update on Southwark Circle?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMMELL

How much has been spent on agency staff for a) schools, b) children centres and c) nurseries in the borough since 2011 (broken down in years)?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

How is the council ensuring that the views of parents are included in the review of council-run nurseries?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

Could the leader state how many Olympic tickets were given to councillors and council employees, from whom were they received, and what were the value of tickets individually?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

What is the average waiting time for a social care users being assessed for a personal budget and actually getting the money?

15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MITCHELL

How many apprenticeships were created in the borough for each financial year since 2009/10?

16. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader of the council explain why the Labour amendment discussed at the full council meeting on 4 July stated "the council's intention to build a new centre for excellence for older people" before a public consultation on the merits of the proposal had even been concluded?" What confidence can staff, service users and their relatives have that the consultation is genuine and meaningful and that all options will be considered including the retention of the existing day centres?

17. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What is the council doing to pro-actively ensure that conservation areas are respected and improved?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What improvements does the cabinet member anticipate as a consequence of the cleaner, greener, safer (CGS) revenue money allocated to the cleanliness of Rye Lane by the Peckham and Nunhead community council?

19. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN CROOKSHANK HILTON (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Would the leader support in principle a new Dulwich police station in any redevelopment of the current Lordship Lane site via a Section 106/community infrastructure levy (CIL) agreement?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Following the introduction of the tables and chairs policy, please can the cabinet member give me details of 1) the amount of money that has been generated so far; 2) what that money is to be spent on; 3) what enforcement action has been taken to date against businesses who continue to obstruct the pavements without licenses for their A boards, tables and/or drinkers?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

When the cabinet published their council plan, the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling set a target for the percentage of streets and highways with unacceptable litter at 4% and detritus at 9% for each of the next three years. In the council plan performance report 2011/12, the cabinet member then changed the target for litter to 7% and detritus to 10%. Why has the cabinet member changed the target? Does he think it is transparent and acceptable to change a three year target after one year because he has failed to meet it?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PODDY CLARK

Residents on the Rockingham Estate have raised with me a recent increase in flytipping. What is the council doing to tackle flytipping on the Rockingham Estate? How many cases of flytipping have been reported within the last year and how does this compare with the previous year?

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

Can the cabinet member update me on the progress of the tree warden scheme? Please can he specify what their role will be and will they also be instructed to monitor the salt in the tree pits in order to ensure that trees are not unnecessary killed by the laying of salt on the pavements?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

What is the council doing to deter landlords from flytipping on Trident Street in Surrey Docks ward?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DENISE CAPSTICK

What is the council doing to stop the Tesco Express on Southwark Park Road using the pavement as an extension to their store and why are their delivery lorries

permitted to block the traffic thoroughfare rather than use the parking bays on a regular basis?

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

How will the recent court ruling that co-mingling has not met the EU directive impact on Southwark's recycling services?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

The most recent officers report into Grange Road indicated the road was in a state of disrepair and in need of resurfacing. Is the cabinet member for environment willing to prioritise the resurfacing of Grange Road in the 2013/14 programme?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

How many employees have participated in the council's cycle to work scheme since it was launched? Please provide a breakdown by financial year.

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

What measures is he undertaking to improve recycling on Southwark's housing estates?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ABDUL MOHAMED

What is the council doing to improve cyclists' safety on Southwark streets?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

What impact will the Southwark heat network have on carbon emissions and air quality?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Does the council still supply rose bushes and gardens for estates? How much money is allocated for each estate?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES

How many of Southwark's parks received Green Flag awards this year? How many received the awards in the previous five years?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

Can the cabinet member explaining the delay in consulting residents on the tree management strategy adopted in 2010 with a one year review window? Will he commit to ensuring that the revised strategy gives increased priority to replacement tree planting and young tree maintenance (currently a low priority, band 3 of 4 bands)? Can he assure residents of Reverdy Road that tree-pits made vacant as a result of council felling, which the residents intend to plant up, will not be dug up by council staff - as was recently the case in Trinity Street?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR TOBY ECKERSLEY

Given the high exposure of Southwark residents to aircraft movements, would the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling please set out the principles on which the council will base its responses to consultations about issues of aircraft noise, additional airport capacity in the London area and changes to night take-offs and landings?

36. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

What is the most recent estimate of the number of empty homes in the borough, and how often are such figures collected?

37. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

How many council homes have been a) sold as voids and b) sold through right to buy, since 2011 to date (broken down in years)?

38. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

How long are the current times for registering for housing and for medical assessments with the medical assessment department of Southwark Council's housing services department?

39. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

Please can the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management provide the average time for a void property to be re-let for a) 2010/11 and b) 2011/12? What process is used to check the quality of these refurbishments?

40. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

What impact does he believe the government's housing benefit cap and introduction of "affordable" rents at 80% of market rent will have on promoting mixed and sustainable communities in Southwark?

41. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

What is he doing to ensure Southwark estates have adequate CCTV coverage?

42. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR LEWIS ROBINSON

Please can the deputy leader and cabinet member for housing management publish the total number of outstanding repair jobs left by Morrisons (including those defaulted to other contractors) on termination of their contract in the south of the borough at the end of September and processes for dealing with any backlog?