

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 16 October 2013	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 NICK STANTON

Can the leader of the council provide an update on plans for a new university technical college in Bermondsey?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Does the leader of the council agree with Liberal Democrat Peer, Baroness Shirley Williams, that Simon Hughes and the Liberal Democrats in Southwark were wrong to oppose free healthy school meals?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHEN GOVIER

Will the leader undertake to follow the example of the city of Copenhagen where all policy documents are void of any moaning about poorly parked bikes or anarchistic road behaviour by cyclists and list all the steps taken to turn his ambitious words about making Southwark cycle friendly into reality before yet another cyclist is killed or seriously injured in Southwark?

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

What is the timetable for the demolition and rebuild of the Elephant & Castle shopping centre?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARK WILLIAMS

What impact will Liberal Democrat plans to limit free healthy school meals to just children in reception, and years 1 and 2 have on children in Southwark?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

How many two-year-old free early education places have been pre-purchased from providers? What were the criteria for selecting the providers to receive pre-purchased funds? By ward, which providers have been identified by the council to offer weekend, night or holiday free early education hours?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE HICKSON

What action did the council take to stop the English Defence League (EDL) from marching in Southwark?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BUKOLA

How many hours has the council's IT service been down in each of the last 12 months? What does the council estimate to be the loss of staff productivity as a result of IT problems in the last year? What agreements exist within the council's IT contract regarding compensation for this loss of productivity?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Would the leader update me on the Council's progress building new council homes?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Southwark education improvement managers told the last Liberal Democrat led administration that the ideal size for a primary school is 2 or 3 form entry to ensure the best possible child focused experience in a sustainable school. This has been reiterated by Sir Robin Boshier who led the very successful London Challenge. Considering this advice why is his administration pushing for Ivydale School to permanently expand from 2 to 4 forms of entry per year?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

What plans does the Leader have for the future of Walworth Town Hall?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THORNTON

Why has the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for the council's Tooley Street headquarters not been on prominent public display, as required by law? When was the last time it was on public display? Is the leader of the council aware of the law regarding the display of EPCs and the possible fines that can be issued for non-compliance?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

Can the leader update me on the impact that the Bedroom Tax is having on people in the borough?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM McNALLY

Please list the 10 highest cost taxi journeys paid for by the council since 1 January 2012, including details of each journey (pick up point, destination, cost and reason for journey).

15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

In light of recent serious accidents involving cyclists, what action is the leader of the council taking to improve cycle safety in the borough?

16. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SEATON (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What can the council do to mitigate the expansion of betting shops, pawn shops and fast food outlets along the local high streets, such as the Walworth Road and the Old Kent Road?

17. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the administration of the council please confirm that they will prioritise maximum community benefit and infrastructure from the sale of the Harmsworth Quays site, including a new school, medical facilities and on-site affordable housing, over maximising profit from residential flats?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Dulwich community council would like an update on the review and effectiveness of the new local policing model including on-going work which the council is doing to secure a fully functioning police base in Dulwich?

19. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Residents and leaseholders on the Cossall and Gloucester Estates, who are specifically dependent on the district heating model for their heating are currently suffering erratic fluctuations in heat gain and loss and an unnecessary waste of energy. Therefore, what is the council doing about addressing this problem with the view of saving energy costs borough wide?

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

Can the cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities give an update on the current status of each of the Voluntary Day Centres listed below and indicate what, if any, support they have received from the council to continue since 100% of their funding was withdrawn in 2011?

- Southwark Irish Pensioners
- Black Elderly Group
- South Asian Elderly Association
- Golden Oldies Community Care Project
- Vietnamese Day Centre
- Goose Green Day Centre
- Age UK Stone's End
- Southwark Cypriot Day Centre
- Black Elders Project

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

Can the cabinet member for health, adult social care and equalities give a clear and present position on the council's public health priorities?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

What is the timeline for the new centre of excellence opening at Cator Street?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GETTLESON

What is the council doing to tackle sexual health issues across the borough?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL KYRIACOU

Given the high number of smoking-related deaths in the borough, what pressure has the cabinet member for health and adult social care put on the cabinet member for resources and finance and the leader of the council to end the council's £5 million investment in tobacco firms through its pension fund?

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

What is the role of the older people's access and information team? How many staff positions exist within this team? How does the council promote this resource to older people and other potential users in the borough?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

What progress has the council made on meeting its commitment to halving the cost of meals on wheels?

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

What steps is the council taking to prevent the worst excesses of the coalition government's welfare reforms of people with disabilities?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Would the cabinet member tell me what progress has been made on Southwark's Older People's Centre of Excellence?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS BROWN

Does the cabinet member agree with the leader of the opposition that "there is no evidence to show that extending free school meals to every child will significantly reduce obesity?"

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR THE RIGHT REVD EMMANUEL OYEWOLE

Would the cabinet member update me on Southwark's plans for Black History Month?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

How many three and four year olds did not take up the 15 hours free early education offer in 2012/13? What is the council doing to support parents to take up their entitlement?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE BOWMAN

How many £1,000 cash incentives have been paid to community groups for suggesting suitable individuals or families to adopt children? What organisations have received cash incentives and how much in each case?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK DIAMOND

Would the cabinet member tell me, in the light of the case of Daniel Pelka, what steps the council is taking to make sure similar situations do not occur in Southwark?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

What steps is the cabinet member taking to deliver a state of the art one o'clock club for Peckham Rye?

35. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR MARK GLOVER

Does the cabinet member agree with the leader of the opposition that free school meals are "bribe" that is offered by those "desperate to be elected"?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS

Would the cabinet member tell me what proportion of Southwark primary school children have secured a place at a local school and what steps is she taking to ensure that Southwark has the places necessary to meet future demand?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

What steps is the council taking to improve the rates of fostering and adoption in the borough?

38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN HAYES

What action is the cabinet member taking to bring the Old Bellenden School site back into use, and what further plans will she take to ensure that Southwark continues to have the school places necessary in the future?

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

According to the Southwark website, if an area is deemed suitable for a table and chairs licence "a consultation will be carried out by Southwark Council's highway licensing team to ensure that appropriate consideration is given to local residents and business owners". Could the cabinet member list a) all the premises in Cathedrals Ward that have been issued tables and chairs licenses, and b) details of the consultation process undertaken for each site?

40. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA MANCHESTER

How many fines have been issued to drivers this year for driving the wrong way down Kipling Street? How many of these fines have been appealed? What is the council doing to finally resolve the issue of poor signage?

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

Please list the top 20 streets in the borough that have suffered the most reported fly-tipping in the past 12 months, including the number of incidents reported in each case.

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

Can the cabinet member please give provide a full comparison price breakdown for all four proposed Barbara Hepworth replacement artworks in Dulwich Park?

43. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY

Liberal Democrats in Southwark have claimed that fly-tipping has tripled in the last three years. Would the cabinet member confirm whether this is accurate?

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

In addition to the investment that the council is making to parks, would the cabinet member tell me what additional external funding has the council secured and which parks will benefit?

45. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR WILMA NELSON

Will the cabinet member give an update on the current situation at Maydew House, Rotherhithe?

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

Will the council put mobile CCTV cameras on the Keeton's Estate to help tackle ongoing problems with drug dealing and phone thefts?

47. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL NOBLET

When does the council intend to fulfil its pledge to provide increased security measures including CCTV and door entry systems for the Osprey Estate?

48. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF HOOK

How many council employees or employees of contracted out service companies are on zero hour contracts? What if any plans does the council have to end this practice?

49. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

How much has the council spent on hotels for council staff in each of the past three financial years (2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 to date)? What is the most expensive individual room bill paid in 2013, and for which hotel was it paid?

50. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR COLUMBA BLANGO

Please list each of the hotels used by the council to house temporary homeless or statutory homeless residents in the current financial year, including the number of nights of accommodation supplied and the total cost to the council in each case.

51. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR NORMA GIBBES

Would the leader update me on what steps Southwark has taken to protect fire services in the borough?

52. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR ALTHEA SMITH

How are we continuing to pick up the legacy and momentum post Olympics 2012 throughout the council?

53. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT AND VOLUNTEERING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

What is the council doing to ensure that the health and well-being of its residents links with the cultural sector?