

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 21 January 2015	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 rotated. 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

The 'Community Conversation' budget consultation document lists all the areas where the council spends money but fails to mention cabs, catering or consultants. Please could the leader tell me how much has been spent on these in each of the last three years?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JANE LYONS

Could the leader provide an update on any communications he has sent or received and actions he has taken over the last six months regarding the future of the Dulwich Hospital Site?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

Is the leader concerned about the increase in accident and emergency waiting times and cancelled operations in local hospitals and the affect this is having on Southwark residents?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

How many new homes at council rent currently have planning permission and, of these, how many have been built and how many are occupied?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MAISIE ANDERSON

Can the leader confirm how much Southwark's spending power will be reduced following the government's announcement of additional funding cuts in the 2015 financial settlement?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

What is the council doing to ensure that equal priority status and housing need points are awarded to people with mental health illnesses as to those with physical medical conditions? When was the last review of medical assessment procedures carried out and what was the outcome?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO

Following the successful launch of the women's safety charter last month, can the leader tell me how many venues in Southwark have signed up to the charter?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

How many long-term empty and second homes in Southwark have been charged full council tax or the Empty Home Premium since April 2013? What is the total number of second and empty homes in the borough broken down by tenure type?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

How does the council tax collection rate being set this for 2015/16 compare to the council's performance in previous years?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Can the leader provide a breakdown of spend so far of the council's £2 million capital funding for cycling improvements?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANNE KIRBY

Can the leader give an update on the council's plans to build 1,500 new council homes by 2018?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNNY LAMBE

Can the leader explain how the additional funding recently awarded to Southwark Council through the government's transformation challenge programme will be used to help more residents back into work?

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

What support is the council providing to carers in the light of recent government cuts?

14. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

What is the council doing to address the stereotyping of young people by businesses?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PARKS AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Could the cabinet member please provide an update on progress with Greendale and securing the future of Dulwich Hamlet Football Club?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

How does the council plan to ensure that future regenerations within Peckham and Nunhead are sustainable?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CHRIS GONDE

Can the cabinet member give an update on the council's plans to make Southwark a dementia friendly borough?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI

What are the current usage rates in our Southwark libraries?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR SANDRA RHULE

What was the turnout for the Southwark fireworks display this year?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

Will the cabinet member provide an update on the council's plans for day centre provision in the borough?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the cabinet member update councillors on plans to expand the work of lay inspectors?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN

Can the cabinet member give an update on the progress of Camberwell library?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE DALE

Can the cabinet member give an update on the introduction of the council's ethical care charter?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

What steps is the council taking to ensure good interventions at an early stage for residents with mental health issues to avoid presentations at local accident and emergency units

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, ARTS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

Has the council calculated how many books have not been returned to Southwark libraries and how much money has been lost from fines that should have been paid for overdue books?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR CLAIRE MAUGHAM

Can the cabinet member explain what the council is doing to increase primary school places to meet demand in the north of the borough?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JAMILLE MOHAMMED

Can the cabinet member explain what the council is doing to drive up standards in Southwark schools?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR STEPHANIE CRYAN

Can the cabinet member confirm whether there are any further plans for new secondary schools to open in Southwark?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

When will the council carry out an assessment of the impact of its free school meals programme on primary school children's obesity levels in the borough?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

Will the cabinet member commit to no new schools being built in pollution hot spots in Southwark and installing air filtration systems in existing schools in these areas?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN

Please list all the potential free school sites in the borough and for each one state what progress is being made?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Please can the cabinet member provide an update on the implementation of the borough-wide 20mph zone? What has been the cost of introducing the measure? What steps are to be carried out for the post implementation review of the impact of the policy on traffic flows, with particular emphasis on the impact in the south of the borough?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Can the cabinet member set out how many times Capita have incurred penalties for their performance since they became the council's IT contractor, the reasons why and how much they have been fined on each occasion?