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From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

1. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

In the foreword to the cabinet report at Appendix 1, the cabinet member notes that Southwark is the third hardest hit local authority in the country in 2015/16 in terms of reduction in spending power. Does the cabinet member agree that it is unfair that government cuts to local authorities are hitting the most deprived boroughs the hardest?

2. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE DALE

Paragraph 11 of the report proposes a one off use of reserves of £6.2 million to the revenue budget. Given the uncertainty about future government funding to local authorities, is the cabinet member confident this proposal will not significantly affect the council's ability to manage potential risks?

3. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

How much historic council tax and business rate debt has been collected or written off in each of the past four years?

4. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

What research has been carried out as part of the budget challenge process into the impact on recycling levels in other boroughs that have scrapped the free provision of biodegradable food waste bags to residents?

5. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

What work is currently underway to identify efficiencies within the public health budget to ensure more funding for preventative work to reduce health inequalities in Southwark?

6. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

How much is the current corporate 'telephony refresh' costing and what levels of savings is it expected to produce?

7. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CORPORATE STRATEGY FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

In addition to the council's waste management facility, what work has the council carried out so far on the scope for further installation of photovoltaic or solar panels across its estate to reduce the council's energy costs and carbon footprint?

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