

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 25 March 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 also 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. The rotation is in line with decisions of council assembly in July 2014 and rotations circulated by the proper constitutional officer in September 2014.

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 JASMINE ALI

Can the leader tell me what the next steps are for the council following the launch of the Childcare Commission report?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

What are the rates for patients presenting in accident and emergency at local hospitals with mental health issues since May 2010 and how does this compare to English averages?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL COYLE

Is the leader concerned about recent figures which showed that Southwark renters are paying more than half their income on rent and the effect this could have on residents being able to afford to stay in the borough?

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

Can the leader state the final cost of all the Childcare Commission's work, including the production and launch of its recent report?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE

What is the council doing to encourage responsible lending?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader confirm what discussions and meetings the council has had with Development Securities or any other interested parties in regards to the Southwark tube station site with particular reference to Styles House and council-owned land?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR KARL EASTHAM

What is the council doing to prevent the loss of affordable housing following the government's introduction of an exemption for housing developers from paying for affordable housing?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

Please list the planning consents since May 2010 (broken down by ward) where affordable housing has been provided on-site; off-site; or where in-lieu payments have been accepted?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR VIJAY LUTHRA

Can the leader confirm which housing estates will be included in the kitchens and bathrooms replacement programme from April this year?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

What steps is the council taking to address lower take-up rates of talking therapies among BME residents with mental health issues?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAN GARFIELD

Can the leader give an update on plans for internal and external decoration of properties in phase 4 on the Aylesbury estate?

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

What actions has the council taken to try and help ensure (an element of) the existing Southwark fire station building is retained so there is potential for it to be returned to use as a fire station at a later stage and used for community use in the interim?

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

The community council would like a general update about increasing the provision of school places in Peckham and Nunhead for both primary and secondary and specifically, what plans are there for Highshore School and have other alternatives been considered rather than demolishing the building?

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

How will the council improve consultation on traffic and transport schemes in the Dulwich area?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport set out what steps the council is taking to improve traffic flow at the Rotherhithe tunnel on Lower Road and to ensure the C10 and 381 bus routes better serve the Rotherhithe peninsula? Can he also explain what steps he is taking to lobby Transport for London (TfL) on these issues?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING) FROM COUNCILLOR SUNNY LAMBE

How much has the council saved by increasing the amount of waste diverted from landfill since 2010 and how has this improved the council's environmental impact?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING) FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Can the cabinet member explain how the plans for the Camberwell Old and New Cemeteries will enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the site?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING) FROM COUNCILLOR LEO POLLAK

What is the council doing to promote renewable energy options?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING) FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Whilst acknowledging that crime overall in Southwark has fallen quite significantly, there remains a serious problem with the use of knives in offences. What is the council doing to help improve the detection and sanction of offenders?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING) FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Can the cabinet member give an update on the council's Domestic Abuse Strategy?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING) FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Can the cabinet member give an update on the council's plans to improve the noise service?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, RECYCLING, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VOLUNTEERING) FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN

Can the cabinet member state whether any Southwark residents with mental health issues have been held in a police cell while awaiting assessment/treatment and, if so, how many in each of the past five years?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

Given that the borough now receives record numbers of homeless applications, what steps is the council taking to meet this exceptional demand?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU

Can the cabinet member give an update on the work being undertaken to resolve the unacceptable failures of heating and hot water supply on Gloucester Grove and North Peckham estates?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR LUCAS GREEN

Can the cabinet member for housing tell me when tenants of Setchell Estate can expect to have new kitchens and bathrooms fitted?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

Is the cabinet member satisfied with the outcome of the recent review of the council's evictions policy?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO

Can the cabinet member for housing give an update on when Warm, Dry and Safe works will start at Caroline Gardens? Can he confirm that this work will now include fitting new kitchens and bathrooms?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Why is the council not implementing its Warm, Dry and Safe policy of ensuring "windows in good condition or double glazed with secure locks" for acquired street properties and instead leaving tenants with cold, wet, dangerous ancient sash windows, well over 40 years old, which consist of more putty, filler and rot than wood and are often without window locks?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS

How is the council working with schools to improve safety on roads around schools?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

Can the cabinet member explain why car parking is being permitted for some larger, high value developments when we are supposed to be a borough that is promoting walking and cycling?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Now that the consultation on the New Southwark Plan has ended, what weight will be given to the comments made by local residents?

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

Can the cabinet member provide a list of secondary school offers made this year by order of preference broken down by community council area?

**17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS
FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN**

Can the cabinet member update us on the council's work so far to ensure vocational education is provided for local young people at the former Southwark College site in Drummond Road and whether the s106 funding allocated from The Shard development has been used to support it?