

<b>Item No.</b> 5.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 8 July 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Members' Question Time	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		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 two cabinet members answering questions immediately after the leader will be the last cabinet members 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 April 2015.

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 RADHA BURGESS**

What impact does the leader believe the recent decision by the government to slash £200 million of public health funding for local government will have in Southwark?

**2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN**

What progress has there been implementing the recommendations of the Childcare Commission so far?

**3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS**

Can the leader give an update on the progress being made to deliver the administration's ambitious pledges set out in the council plan?

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

Can the leader update councillors on what the council is doing to ensure co-ordinated action on education and training for jobs, and on proposals for the old Southwark College site on Drummond Road?

**5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO**

Can the leader give an update on the council's free swim and gyms pilot for older and young people in Southwark?

**6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER**

Can the leader explain why the council's new policy to prohibit and restrict payday lenders and pawnbrokers does not also prohibit and restrict fast food takeaways close to schools?

**7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE**

Can the leader explain what the council is doing to ensure that Southwark residents are able to make the most of employment opportunities arising from regeneration and construction schemes in the borough?

**8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN**

What action is the council taking to reduce the number of empty homes in the borough following the motion agreed by council assembly in January?

**9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM**

Southwark was recently officially recognised by the World Health Organisation as the only London community in its Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. What will this recognition mean for the council's Age Friendly work?

**10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN**

What is the leader's response to the recent article in Southwark News by the local Greater London Authority member which stated that the Bakerloo Line extension should only have one branch?

**11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Will the leader of the council explore the allocation of council staff parking permits across the borough and whether it is being abused?

**12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Can the council advise as to progress on the extension of the Bakerloo Line to Camberwell?

**13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

What plans does the council have to improve planning, housing and regeneration policy to ensure easier access to information on progress, better access to opportunities for local people, and better standards by developers in employment?

**14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Can the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes give the Peckham and Nunhead community council an update on the current progress of the Peckham square co-design?

**15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Could the cabinet member for environment and the public realm please provide an update on the consultation and implementation of the one hour free parking at shopping parades in the borough?

**16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON**

What discussions have there been between Notting Hill Housing Trust and the council about affordable housing levels in The Exchange development at Bermondsey Spa?

**17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER**

Given the increasing pressure to permit redevelopment in the borough by demolishing much-loved buildings, can the cabinet member confirm that it is still the council's intention to produce a schedule of locally-listed buildings where they are not listed nationally and, if so, when this will be adopted?

**18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY**

Can the cabinet member tell me what the council is doing to protect local historic pubs for community use?

**19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS**

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

**20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR SARAH KING**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the council's campaign for the Bakerloo line extension?

**21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS**

How much does the council currently have in pooled affordable housing contributions and how much does it expect to receive in the next five years from developments with planning consent?

**22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR LISA RAJAN**

What is the latest spend on the security fence and security staffing/policing for the Aylesbury estate regeneration scheme?

**23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MAISIE ANDERSON**

Can the cabinet member confirm how the council is supporting local people into employment through the Elephant Park regeneration?

**24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the council's online planning portal and whether it is improving public access to the planning process?

**25. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the progress of the Southwark business forum?

**26. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the work of the Southwark Employment Enterprise Development Scheme in supporting business growth and reducing youth unemployment in Southwark?

**27. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLIE SMITH**

What has the public reaction been to the new sculpture in Dulwich Park?

**28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL**

How many times has the council failed to provide an answer to freedom of information requests within the legal timeframe in each year since May 2010?

**29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES**

Can the cabinet member tell us about progress on improving the pedestrian crossings along Borough High Street at the junctions with St. Thomas Street/ Newcomen Street/Marshalsea Road/Great Suffolk Street?

**30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM**

Can the cabinet member update us on discussions with Transport for London on expanding the London Cycle Hire Scheme further into Southwark?

**31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL**

What steps is the council taking to reduce the record number of Southwark homeless applicants being placed outside London?