

**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**  
**(ORDINARY)**  
**WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015**  
**URGENT QUESTIONS**

**1. QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL**

What steps will the chair of planning now take to guarantee that the agreed council procedures for councillors to request a planning application is referred to the relevant planning committee are followed in the case of all applications?

**RESPONSE**

I will ask the chief executive to ensure that where councillors request that an application for planning permission is referred to a planning sub-committee, all appropriate steps are taken to ensure that this is carried out subject to the chair of planning's agreement. If members copy me into any requests that they make then I can ensure that these are appropriately followed up.

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

Now that the Elephant Park viability assessment has been released, can the leader tell us how much the council spent in total challenging the freedom of information request from a former Heygate Estate resident?

**RESPONSE**

The cost was £56,063.50 in legal fees which is fully reimbursable by Lend Lease.