

<b>Item No.</b> 5.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 13 July 2016	<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 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 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 and 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 HAMISH MCCALLUM**

What is the council doing to ensure that all departments speak with one voice and act in a co-ordinated way on behalf of residents affected by the Thames Tideway Tunnel works?

**2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JANE LYONS**

Could the leader please give an update on plans to reassure people who live and work in Southwark and who come from the EU and elsewhere in the world of their welcome in our borough.

**3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS**

What does the leader consider the implications of the EU Referendum to be for Southwark?

**4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES**

In light of the EU referendum result last month, what steps has the council taken to reassure residents and community groups?

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

Can the leader confirm how many people have visited The Castle leisure centre since it opened in April?

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

Can the leader of the council comment on recent reports by Housing Action Southwark and Lambeth (HASL) and the Sisters Uncut campaign group about housing applicants who report being in danger of domestic violence being turned away by the council?

**7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LEO POLLAK**

Can the leader explain the council response to the Housing and Planning Act which has now been passed despite opposition locally and across the country?

**8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON**

How many council tenants were evicted due, either wholly or partly, to water rates arrears during the period 1 April 2001 – 28 July 2013?

**9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA**

Can the leader give an update on the commitment to work with Peckham and Southwark Citizens to identify and deliver a community land trust site in Peckham?

**10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD**

Can the Leader please explain in detail the precise steps that have been taken by the Council since the start of 2016 to progress faster broadband in the SE16 area; and when they expect BT to roll out faster broadband across the Rotherhithe peninsula?

**11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS**

Can the Leader give an update on the work the council is undertaking to bring high speed broadband to Rotherhithe?

**12. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS (CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Following the pilot of improved commercial waste collection on the Walworth Road and the positive impact it's having there, could the cabinet member for environment and the public realm advise when this is likely to be rolled out to Camberwell? Hopefully as urgently as possible.

**13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

How can we improve the consultation process, the notifications system for that process and demonstrate how the council acts upon the information received? Further, will the cabinet member for communities and safety consider a one-stop-shop opportunity for better consultation?

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

Please provide an update on the Dulwich Quietway proposals.

**15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

What is the leader of the council's response to concerns following the referendum [on EU membership] about the effects of hate crime?

**16. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA (PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

Given the regeneration that is happening in the wider Peckham area, could the council

- a) set out how it will improve communication with residents through the planning portal.
- b) explain what the plans are and how residents can get involved.
- c) produce information for this community council area on planning permissions for private, mixed and social housing over the last three years?

**17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN**

Can the cabinet member confirm how many empty council homes there were in Southwark last year?

**18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES COLDWELL**

Can the cabinet member explain what the impact of the Bedroom Tax and Universal Credit has been on rent arrears in Southwark?

**19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI**

Can the cabinet member confirm how many fraudulent council homes the council has recovered since 2010?

**20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY**

Can the cabinet member provide an update on refunds being given to council tenants for water charges?

**21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the future delivery of new council homes this year?

**22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER**

Can the cabinet member give an update on how residents and businesses are being consulted about the Old Kent Road regeneration?

**23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR SUNNY LAMBE**

Can the cabinet member give an update on the proposals for a new leisure centre at Canada Water?

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

What progress has there been on the council's 'Southwark Regeneration in Partnership' programme?

**25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL**

How much has the council received in s106 affordable housing payments since May 2010, how much is unspent and how much of this is currently unallocated?

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

Can the cabinet member confirm how many jobs have been created at Elephant Park?

**27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS**

Can the cabinet member:

- a) state how the process of charging market rent for voluntary sector premises and giving it back in grants works?
- b) list all the premises that are classed as voluntary sector with the rent charged?
- c) list all the voluntary groups that are receiving grants to pay that rent?

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

How many Freedom of Information requests were received by the council for the last three years and how many were answered within the statutory time period of 20 working days?

**29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN**

Please state the number of Southwark residents in receipt of the council's meals on wheels service in each year since 2010.

**30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN**

When will the cabinet finally report on progress with implementing the recommendations of the Childcare Commission published in May 2015?

**31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL**

How many trees has the council planted in the first half of 2014, 2015, and 2016? How many of these were in pits previously occupied by trees? What impact has the new design standard had in reducing the number of trees planted in pavements?

**32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL**

Please confirm the number of reported flytips across the borough for each month since the introduction of the bulky waste charge in December 2015 and comparative data for the previous year.

**33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN**

What has the initial monitoring of the anti-engine idling scheme at Tower Bridge Road shown so far and what action, if any, is taken against drivers who leave their engines idling?

**34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER**

What percentage of parking spaces in the borough support electric vehicles?