

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 22 March 2017	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 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 EVELYN AKOTO

Will the leader tell me how close the council is to meeting its target of 2,000 apprenticeships by 2018 and how this compares to other London boroughs?

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

Please can the Leader set out how much has already been spent to date on legal costs for the council's appeal against the Secretary of State's refusal to grant the Aylesbury Estate Compulsory Purchase Order and how much more the council has budgeted for this appeal?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

At the recent meeting at Dulwich Hamlet School, I was delighted to join the leader of the council in supporting the call for Fairer Funding for Schools. At the time he mentioned that he would be part of a group meeting the Minister of State for Education, Nick Gibb MP, on the day of this council assembly. Would the leader make a statement about today's meeting?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE

Will the leader tell me what will be the impact of government education cuts on Southwark's schools?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

A recent 'Transparency International' report showed three new developments in Southwark where more than half (and in one case all) of new properties have been sold to overseas owners. Please could the Leader outline the percentage of affordable homes built onsite in each of the three Southwark developments in the report (South Gardens at the Elephant and Castle, One Tower Bridge and 251 Southwark Bridge Road)?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JANE LYONS

Can the leader of the council put pressure on Transport for London and Will Norman, the Walking and Cycling Commissioner, to press ahead quickly with the installation of a new crossing on the South Circular, as this crossing has been identified as a prerequisite for the re-routing of the coaches which currently clog Calton Avenue every school-day morning?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY

Will the leader update me on what progress is being made to provide adequate burial space for local residents who want to be buried in the borough?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN

Can the Leader outline what research the council has undertaken into the potential effects of Brexit on the demographics of the Southwark population along with any preparations which are being made to respond to these effects?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR OCTAVIA LAMB

Will the cabinet member tell me what steps the council is taking to increase the amount of affordable creative space across the borough?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH McCALLUM

Can the Leader provide details of all surveys since 2010 that have asked residents about their satisfaction with the regeneration of the borough, including a breakdown of when and where the surveys were conducted, the approximate location of respondents and details of all responses?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Following the recent judgement in relation to the Lakanal fire, can the leader reassure me about what steps the council has taken to improve fire safety in the borough's housing estates?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the Leader outline to Members any representations which were made on behalf of the council to Harriet Harman, the Member of Parliament for Camberwell and Peckham, in relation to her decision to vote for triggering article 50 to begin the process of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union?

13. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS (BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Can the cabinet member for environment and public realm confirm, over the last 12 months, how much has been raised by the £16 charge, how much does it cost to collect all the fly tipping in the borough, and how much has been collected in fines?

14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE (BOROUGH, BANKSIDE AND WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Would the cabinet member confirm how many schools are over subscribed and what effect will a reduction of £1000 per student have on teaching and learning?

Note: Questions to the cabinet member for public health and social regeneration will be answered by the cabinet members who have been given that area of responsibility while the cabinet member is on maternity leave.

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS

Will the cabinet member tell me what the take up has been of the free swim and gym offer in Southwark?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

Will the cabinet member tell me what steps the council has taken to combat poor air quality in the borough?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR KARL EASTHAM

Will the cabinet member update me on the council's capital investment into leisure facilities and what response has there been from the public?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Can the cabinet member outline what they understand "social regeneration" to mean, and explain why this has not previously been implicit in the Regeneration portfolio and has now been tagged on to two other portfolios?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

Please can the cabinet member update members about the progress of the Old Kent Road regeneration proposals and how these will reflect the input of the community through the consultation process?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Southwark Council planned to ensure that 21,000 NHS health checks for people aged 40 to 74 be carried out by 31 March this year. Will the cabinet member tell me what progress there has been and how many places have been taken to date?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR SAMANTHA JURY-DADA

Will the cabinet member detail the investment in parks and play areas planned for the coming year?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY

Will the cabinet member tell me whether there has been any change in the early detection of sexually transmitted infections since the launch of the SH24 initiative?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Can the cabinet member confirm what the council's plans are for the Fred Francis centre site, if the centre is to be merged with the Southwark Resource Centre, as indicated in his comments to Southwark News earlier this month?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

Can the cabinet member confirm what progress has been made in transferring the cost of adult social care equipment provision to the NHS, and outline the council's plans for consultation and engagement with user groups, the NHS and the voluntary sector around both these changes and any ideas which they may have for making efficiencies or mitigating the impact of cuts.

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

Will the cabinet member tell me what effect the Chancellor's budget will have on adult social care and the council's ongoing work to tackle the social care crisis?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN

Will the cabinet member update me on what progress has been made to expand housing provision for older people in the borough?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE DALE

There has been much in the news lately about hospitals not being able to discharge patients due to adult care support not being available. Will the cabinet member tell me how delays in discharge due to this reason in Southwark compare to other London boroughs?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

Low pay for home care workers is a national disgrace – many council contracts pay less than the London Living Wage and employ on zero hours contracts. Will the cabinet member tell me what progress is being made in Southwark to implement the Ethical Care Charter to address these concerns?

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

With the impending implementation of Quietway 14, can the cabinet member outline any measures which are planned to improve cycling safety on Bermondsey Street, including, for example, installing clearer cycle contraflow markings and improving signage on the street?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD

Can the cabinet member confirm what plans the council has to respond to Transport for London's recent review of bus services in the Southeast Riverside area, outline the content of that response and explain how the council is intending to consult residents on the proposed changes?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Over the last three years, how many trees across Southwark have been felled and how many have been planted? Why are trees in Southwark Park being cut down to make way for construction traffic?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ANN KIRBY

A resident in Village ward has contacted me who has been the victim of 4 burglaries in nine months – including whilst they were asleep. They have improved their security and reported the crimes but remain concerned that not enough has been done to tackle burglary in the area. Will the cabinet member tell me what discussions he has had with the police about tackling burglary, and what steps the council can take with the police to improve the situation in the area

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Can the cabinet member confirm whether figures for hate crimes in Southwark have risen since the referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union, in comparison to the equivalent period before the referendum, and outline what steps the council is taking to both prevent hate crime and reassure groups who may be targets of hate crime?

34. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Will the cabinet member tell me what powers the council has to crack down on unscrupulous individuals and companies who encourage tenants to exercise their right to buy with large cash incentives, in order to then buy them and rent them out at high rents or sell them for huge profits?