

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 12 July 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 HAMISH MCCALLUM

How many new council homes will be completed by 2018?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

What does the leader consider the impact of the General Election result will be for Southwark and its residents?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

The leader of Westminster Council has issued a strongly-worded warning to property developers that the authority will no longer tolerate developers only catering for well-heeled buyers, with a spokesperson from the council saying "We don't want cheques any more, we want to see housing – we are going to get tough"; will the leader of this council follow suit and ensure the council's policy of a minimum of 35% affordable housing is met and in-lieu payments are no longer accepted and affordable housing is built on site?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS

Could the leader comment on the response of Southwark Council to the London Bridge terrorist attack?

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

The Opposition Office submitted a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the council on 1 March 2017 asking for more information about the decision making process leading to the proposals to earmark the Riverside and Queen's Road Day Centres for development. The council has confirmed that it does hold records which are relevant to this request, and yet the 20 working day deadline has passed, as has the extended deadline, with no information provided. Can the leader explain why Southwark Council is failing to meeting its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act? Can he also confirm that officers, members and contractors are aware of their obligations under the act and reassure council assembly that there has been no deliberate attempt to prevent decision making processes from receiving appropriate public scrutiny?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES COLDWELL

Does the leader believe that the outcome of the General Election will provide more clarity on the likely impacts of Brexit for Southwark residents?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

Could the leader confirm how much Southwark Council expects to pay Clarion Housing Group for the ownership of the 284 homes described as council owned? In addition, can the Leader please confirm the definition for 'low cost ownership'?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

Could the leader provide an update on the London Mayor's commitment to have at least two neighbourhood police officers per ward?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD

Can the leader confirm whether the council will install more prominent warning signs along Greenland Dock, including details of the depth of the water and danger to life, in response to the tragic death of a young man there on 17 June 2017?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GAVIN EDWARDS

Could the leader confirm the appointment of deputy cabinet members for the coming year?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN

Can the leader confirm when the site for the new Seven Islands Leisure Centre will be consulted on by the council and why the current site of the leisure centre was not included in a previous consultation?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR REBECCA LURY

Could the leader provide an update on Southwark Council's policy on the use of council housing for short term holiday lettings?

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

What more can the council do invest in and promote jobs and training opportunities for local people and particularly local young people? In addition how can new and affordable business space be made more genuinely affordable and prioritised for local people?

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

Can the cabinet member explain the consultation process that has taken place, or is to take place, for the specification of the leisure centre for Canada Water, in particular for the proposed reduction of the length of the swimming pool from 33m currently at Seven Islands to 25m when a 50m pool was proposed in 2006?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI

Could the cabinet member update us on the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection of children's services in Southwark?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR KARL EASTHAM

Can the cabinet member explain what the likely impact will be of the government's current funding proposals for schools in Southwark?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Could the cabinet member provide an update on the current number of children taking up their free early education places at a) age 2, and b) age 3-4?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

In answer to a question by my colleague Councillor James Okosun at council assembly on 30 November 2016, the cabinet member stated that "Southwark is actively planning for the introduction of the national 30 hours free childcare for three and four year old children from September 2017". Please can she outline these plans and indicate when they will be made available for formal scrutiny?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE

Will the cabinet member tell us how many schools in the schools expansion programme have completed works or are due to complete work on new buildings in the next three months?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Could the cabinet member update us on the percentage of children who a) got their first preference primary school, b) got their first preference secondary school, c) got their first, second or third preference primary school, and d) got their first, second or third preference secondary school this year, and how do these percentages compare to 2010?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

What proportion of Southwark's waste went into landfill last year, and a) how does that compare to the previous municipal year and b) what are the projections for the amount of waste going into landfill in 2017/18?

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

Can the cabinet member please confirm that it is still Southwark policy to allocate 25% of community infrastructure levy (CIL) contributions to improving the environment and public realm in the area local to development? Can he also explain who is responsible for ensuring that CIL monies are allocated according to the Community Infrastructure Project List and how this is monitored?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID HUBBER

Could the cabinet member please give details of the number of road traffic collisions occurring in the borough during the two years preceding and the two years following the introduction of a Southwark-wide 20 miles per hour speed limit? Could he also confirm the number of penalty tickets for exceeding the 20 mph limit which have been issued since the policy commenced?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY

What percentage of Southwark's waste is recycled, and how does this compare to other inner London boroughs?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Could the cabinet member inform us what the current public satisfaction levels are with Southwark's parks and open spaces?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL FLEMING

Could the cabinet member comment on the performance of the grounds maintenance contractor since the new contract started in October 2016?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC REALM FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Can the cabinet member give details of the council's strategy for managing the noise impact on local residents from buskers on the Bankside river walk? Can he also explain what is being done to co-ordinate activities between different responsible authorities and outline what advice he would offer to residents who are disturbed by repetitive and amplified music into the early hours of the morning?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

Could the cabinet member provide us with an update on the refurbishment of Seven Islands Leisure Centre and the Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR CLEO SOANES

Could the cabinet member update us on how Team Southwark did in the recent London Youth Games?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

Could the cabinet member update us on the progress of Southwark Council in resettling five families of Syrian refugees in Southwark?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN

What actions have Southwark's Prevent team taken in response to the recent terror attacks in the UK, and in particular, the attack which took place on London Bridge and in Borough market?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR DORA DIXON-FYLE

Could the cabinet member provide an update on the progress on the voluntary and community sector strategy as agreed by cabinet on 1 November 2016?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR SAMANTHA JURY-DADA

What is Southwark Council doing to address the very worrying rise in knife crime incidents and knife carrying?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Across London there has been a marked increase in reported domestic offences (including domestic abuse offences, domestic violence with injury, rape offences and other sexual offences). There were 5,837 reported in Southwark last year. Can the cabinet member tell me what Southwark is doing to ensure this increased reporting has translated into action against perpetrators? Can he tell me the number of reported incidents that resulted in criminal convictions?

35. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

At a recent meeting of the Dickens Estate Tenants and Residents Association, residents expressed a number of concerns about fire safety given the number of blocks in Riverside Ward which have been clad. Can the cabinet member please reassure residents by outlining the process by which the material used for cladding these blocks was chosen and agreed, and who, if anyone, was responsible for checking the combustibility of this material? Can she also confirm whether, in the case of a fire, the insurance arrangements will cover these blocks for damages and loss of life?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, CULTURE AND SOCIAL REGENERATION FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

In a question to the cabinet member for business, employment and culture in November 2016, it was confirmed that 'at Elephant and Castle we are ensuring that 10% of new retail floorspace in large developments is affordable and offered first to local small businesses'; can the cabinet member confirm that this is still to be the case at the Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre and define what affordable means? In addition, is it the intention to keep the Latin businesses within the new development, to retain the nature of the Elephant and Castle as the Latin quarter of South London?

37. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Can the cabinet member describe what proactive work the council is doing with mobile operators and when will the whole borough be 5G ready?