

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 29 November 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 JANE LYONS

When the new format community council 'forums' were introduced the rationale for this was given as budget saving. We have now had four meetings of this kind in the Dulwich area. Could the leader now please confirm how much budget across the council area, and from Dulwich Community Council in particular, has been saved?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BILL WILLIAMS

Could the leader provide an update on the progress that has been made on improving broadband for Rotherhithe residents?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

The Leader will, I am sure, agree that the first tube stop on the Bakerloo Line Extension should be at Bricklayers' Arms – ensuring that the density of stations is on par with north London. MP Neil Coyle told Southwark News earlier this month that TfL's viability report, (commissioned by Southwark Labour), found that a Bricklayers' Arms station would require the demolition of no less than a thousand homes. Can the Leader confirm this figure? Can he also explain the evidence that underpins it?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MITCHELL

Traders in Dulwich Village have seen a significant fall in custom as a result of the roadworks which started in August and are scheduled to continue until February 2018. Will the Leader urgently authorise a cross departmental task force of officers to join the Traders and the Dulwich Estate in round table discussions which can bring forward proposals both to alleviate the immediate concerns and help secure the long term future of shopping in Dulwich Village?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES COLDWELL

Gerri Scott, Southwark's strategic director of housing and modernisation, is leaving the council at the end of the year. Would the leader like to comment on the impact that she has had since she started in 2011?

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

Can the leader confirm whether or not an internal investigation has been or will be held into an alleged cover up of failures in internal decision-making in relation to the closure of Queens Road Day Centre?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE

Would the leader provide a statement on the discussions that the council has had with Dulwich Hamlet Football Club (DHFC) Ltd and other key community stakeholders on the future viability of Dulwich Hamlet FC?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader of the council confirm what representations he has made in regards to the introduction of the fire safety zero tolerance approach/policy in communal areas and whether he thinks a policy of "one size fits all" is proportionate and has been adequately explained, communicated and implemented by the council?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR KARL EASTHAM

Could the leader comment on the impact that the rollout of Universal Credit has had on Southwark residents?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BEN JOHNSON

Can the leader confirm that London Fire Brigade advice on sterile environments has not changed since the Grenfell Tower fire and that the council has full responsibility for the decision to enforce a zero tolerance policy on items in communal areas in council properties?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

Could the leader update council assembly on access to heating and hot water for Ledbury Estate residents?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI

In our last manifesto, Southwark Labour committed to supporting 5,000 more local people into jobs, and creating 2,000 new apprenticeships. Could the Leader provide an update on when we expect this commitment to be fulfilled?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SAMANTHA JURY-DADA

Could the leader outline the work taking place on Southwark's bid to be awarded the London Borough of Culture for 2020?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LEO POLLAK

Could the leader tell council assembly what the council is doing to help revive the Blue and secure investment for the benefit people of all backgrounds and incomes across this part of Bermondsey?

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

What further support and resources can the council give to faith groups and other community groups to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, in particular in recognition of their unique position in the community to gather intelligence from people wary of talking to the police, council or other officials?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD

Moped-enabled crime is rising rapidly in Surrey Docks ward. There have been a number of robberies and assaults by moped riders in recent months, including attacks on elderly residents and parents with their children. What measures is the council considering to prevent moped-enabled crime across the borough? Will the council consider urgent measures to halt the swathe of moped attacks in Surrey Docks – including the funding of additional police surveillance and intelligence work?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

What action has the communities and safety department taken on mental health and well-being near the Thames Tideway site in Riverside, in light of the recent South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLAM) report?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Would the cabinet member for communities, safety and leisure like to update council assembly on the number of Green Flags that Southwark has been awarded?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS

Can the cabinet member for communities, safety and leisure comment on the importance of front line policing to our communities?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE DALE

Could the cabinet member share with council assembly progress made thus far in developing a Southwark Giving initiative?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES BARBER

Is the cabinet member willing to support community led plans for a revenue-raising all-weather pitch at Dulwich Hamlet Football Club that could help stabilise the club's finances and provide much needed local facilities?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

Has there been any feedback on the Summer Youth and Play Activities Programme?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS

What is our operator Everyone Active doing to ensure there are healthy food options at our leisure facilities?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Could the cabinet member update council assembly on progress towards delivering a top quality park at Peckham Rye?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Could the cabinet member provide a progress update on the Burgess Park west revitalisation project?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

Could the cabinet member set out the ongoing development plans for Southwark Park and how these will benefit local people?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND LEISURE FROM COUNCILLOR KIERON WILLIAMS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the work the council is undertaking to ensure the provision of positive activities for children and young people in our borough?

28. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR ROSIE SHIMELL

How many empty homes are there in Southwark? How many of these are social housing and how many are private housing? What is the average re-let time (in days) for an empty council property in Southwark this year?

29. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES OKOSUN

Does the council have a breakdown showing the countries of origin for overseas buyers who have purchased housing units at the new Heygate development? Could the cabinet member please provide one?

30. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

What work is the council doing to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act?

31. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR DORA DIXON-FYLE

Could the cabinet member for housing update us on the delivery of Southwark Labour's manifesto commitment to set up an independent organisation for leaseholders?

32. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing explain what the next steps are once the ARUP structural report on the Ledbury Estate has been received?

33. QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

The latest figures from the LGA show that 40% of battery-powered and 21% of mains-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in the last year. Can the cabinet member confirm that smoke alarms are being tested as part of fire risk assessments in council-tenanted properties? In addition, can the cabinet member confirm that all backup battery systems are in full working order?

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

The redevelopment of the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre threatens to disperse the cultural and economic community in the Elephant & Castle. If this is not to happen, policy initiatives to retain the community intact are required. The policies which have so far been proposed are not adequate to achieve this. We should recognise the role played by Latin American residents in Southwark. Furthermore, the demolition of the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre and bingo hall would have a particular impact on BAME elderly ladies and break up the community. A lot of older people go to the hall and have friendships that they have made over the years. Loneliness and isolation are terrible burdens on older residents. Can the cabinet member propose some alternative initiatives, to enable the community to remain intact; and can the cabinet member guarantee that a new bingo hall will be built as part of the redevelopment?

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

Could the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes provide a breakdown of where tenants from the Heygate Estate moved to?

36. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL FLEMING

For the active phases of the Aylesbury Estate (the first and second phases), where have the tenants moved to so far?

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

Where have new council homes been built, and where are new homes proposed to be built?

38. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND NEW HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR JAMILLE MOHAMMED

When the Peckham Library Square project is complete, what land will be owned by the council and also be publicly accessible?

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

Can you update on the plans for Peckham Rye Station and the Peckham Palms project?

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

I wish to draw the cabinet member's attention to the constant disregard by many drivers of the mini roundabout at the junction of Redriff Road and Surrey Quays Road. Vehicles are frequently driven straight across the roundabout instead of around it, which is a hazard for other traffic and has been the cause of collisions. Would he please instruct officers to investigate ways of overcoming this problem in order to prevent further incidents and enhance safety?

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

Of the estimated 5,900 premature deaths linked to nitrogen dioxide pollution in London, what proportion are estimated to be in Southwark? Over a year ago, the Mayor of London promised electronic 'air quality alert' signs would be installed across London. When and where will these be installed in Southwark and will they provide a live feed of pollution information – or only a warning when pollution reaches emergency levels?