

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 11 July 2018	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 OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Will the council commit to working with recognised local community groups and community councils to draw up a new borough-wide local list, backed up by a Heritage SPD?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

In November 2017, the leader told us that the council had already hit the ambitious target of helping 5,000 residents into work. Could he update us on what the final number of people helped into work during the last administration was?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ADELE MORRIS

Will the leader confirm the pledge he made at the Southwark Council Leaders Hustings on 24 April 2018, that community infrastructure levy (CIL) projects will be decided and prioritised locally by ward and furthermore procured and delivered by local experienced agencies where they exist?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR SIRAJUL ISLAM

Could the leader update us on what steps the council is taking to secure three new tube stations along the Old Kent Road as part of the Bakerloo Line Extension, including one at the Bricklayers Arms?

5. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HAMISH MCCALLUM

Will the Leader confirm the commitment he made at the Southwark Council Leaders Hustings on 24 April 2018, that the criteria for allocating the 25% community portion of community infrastructure levy (CIL) will include a very clear link between where the money is raised and where the money is spent? Can the leader further confirm what steps have been taken to establish the criteria for allocating community CIL following the election? And will he commit to meeting with representatives from Bankside Neighbourhood Plan, STAMP and other interested parties to implement a transparent and consistent process for CIL allocation in Southwark?

6. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JASON OCHERE

Before the election, Labour pledged to campaign to re-open Camberwell Train Station. Can the leader tell us what work has been done on this since the election?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JANE SALMON

Will the council write to Transport for London (TfL) and commit to pay its share to developing the 40-50 stations required for a Rotherhithe expansion of the Bike Hire Scheme?

8. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR TOM FLYNN

Can the Leader update us on what work has been done to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act and what initiatives the council are using to reduce homelessness?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DAN WHITEHEAD

How many electric vehicle charging points does the council plan to install over the next 12 months?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR SUNIL CHOPRA

Could the leader tell us how the council is listening to and addressing the concerns of local residents over the council's plans for Queens Road 4?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR NICK JOHNSON

What share of Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) challenge fund is Southwark – in particular the Rotherhithe peninsula – receiving? What percentage of residents on the peninsula are still without fast broadband?

12. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN

Will the council conduct an audit of empty homes in the borough – given the shortcomings in council tax data following changes to council tax exemptions, and likely underreporting?

13. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

How many major planning applications Southwark has received since 2010?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR HUMAIRA ALI

Given the sharp rise in crime across Southwark over recent years, why has the council refused to take advantage of the Metropolitan Police Service policy of match-funding new police officers on a two-for-one offer, as other borough councils such as Hounslow and Tower Hamlets have?

15. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

What has the council done to make the financial case to Transport for London (TfL) on Bricklayers Arms? Has it provided information on land use and costs from Bermondsey or other new stations in Southwark?

16. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Could the cabinet member update us on what progress has been made towards bringing housing repairs in-house?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES COLDWELL

Recent reports have discovered some London councils failing to ensure payment of the London Living Wage to sub-contracted staff, despite being Living Wage-accredited boroughs. Can you confirm that Southwark meets its London Living Wage commitments, including ensuring contractors are paid the London Living Wage as a minimum?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES MCASH

Following the publication of the "Safe as Houses" report, and the worrying picture that revealed for Universal Credit recipients, could the cabinet member tell us what more the council is doing to draw attention to this concerning issue?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR RENATA HAMVAS

Could the cabinet member explain what the 2017/18 budget outturn report tells us about the council's current financial position and future financial sustainability?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND BREXIT FROM COUNCILLOR ALICE MACDONALD

Since being appointed the cabinet member for Brexit, what work has the cabinet member done on this issue?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLIE SMITH

Can the cabinet member update us on plans to improve the uptake of the NHS Health Checks that will be carried out in Southwark?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR LEANNE WERNER

Could the cabinet member tell us what steps the council is taking to respond to the recent and very worrying incidents of violent crime in our borough?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE

Safer Neighbourhood Teams are being asked to follow up on burglary investigations. Is the cabinet member aware of this practice, how widespread is it and does she think this type of duty is consistent with the concept and the purpose of neighbourhood policing?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR SANDRA RHULE

Can the cabinet member update us on how the council is currently working with out local faith communities to improve health and wellbeing across the borough?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN DENNIS

Can the cabinet member describe the work the council is doing to improve services provided for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol addiction in the borough?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

Can the cabinet member provide an update on the progress being made towards a London e-service for sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening and treatment and when we anticipate local residents will be able to take advantage of this service?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH FROM COUNCILLOR MARGY NEWENS

Can the cabinet member update us on the recent trends in childhood obesity in the borough and what new initiatives are being planned or considered to strengthen our approach in the year ahead?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND ADULT CARE FROM COUNCILLOR NICK DOLEZAL

Harris Academy Peckham are consulting on closing their sixth form. Could the cabinet member provide an update on what impact this is likely to have on sixth form provision in Southwark?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND ADULT CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

Could the cabinet member explain what work Southwark Council is doing to improve hospital discharge rates?

30. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND ADULT CARE FROM COUNCILLOR JON HARTLEY

Could the cabinet member update us on when the outcome of the OFSTED inspection of the council's special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision will be known?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND AIR QUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

How much money did Southwark Council spend on road and pavement works, by ward, in the 12 months leading up to 3 May 2018?

32. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND AIR QUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Will the council create a third PM2.5 monitoring station on Jamaica Road?

33. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND AIR QUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Will the council formally investigate the costs and feasibility of deploying a 'smog sign' – an electronic display showing live pollution levels – on Jamaica Road?

34. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAM HOUNGBO

Was Southwark Council notified that More London planned to brick-up the water feature at More London by London Bridge before works went ahead?