

Item No. 5.1	Classification: Open	Date: 17 July 2019	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 IAN WINGFIELD

Two weeks ago I joined with residents at a service to remember those who tragically died in the Lakanal fire. Ten years after the fire, can the Leader tell me what the council has done to improve fire safety and ensure that our residents are safe?

2. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID NOAKES

Can the leader of the council detail what representations and support Southwark Council (both cabinet members and officers) have given to XXL club, one of the last LGBT venues left in Southwark, over the last two years, and more specifically what support they are providing now since XXL received a three month eviction notice on Monday 24 June 2019 from the developers?

3. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR LEANNE WERNER

Can the leader provide an update on the outcome of the first round of the Positive Futures Fund?

4. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ANOOD AL-SAMERAI

Was it the crushing defeat at the European elections which prompted Southwark Labour party to finally back a People's Vote, three years too late?

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

With local Camberwell resident Boris Johnson taking on Jeremy Hunt for number 10, who does the leader think would be best for Southwark?

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

Given the recent cancellation of the Rotherhithe Bridge and ever increasing overcrowding at Canada Water tube station, what can the leader do to reassure members that the Canada Water Masterplan is still viable?

7. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES MCASH

What is being done to deliver sustainable transport infrastructure in the south of the borough, in particular cycle hangars and electric charging points?

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

Following on from our declaration of a Climate Emergency at the last council assembly, can the leader say what steps have been taken to increase the pressure on developers to meet our carbon reduction targets? Can he also tell us when the

planning committee will receive the report on how the money paid into the Carbon Offset Fund, collected when developers fail to meet the targets, will be spent?

9. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER

Can the leader tell us how many visits there have been to Southwark libraries in the last year?

10. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAM HOUNGBO

Persistent disruptive behaviours are still the main reason for permanent exclusions from schools in Southwark. Can the leader agree that these educational challenges could also be solved by a public health approach and outline what proactive actions the council has taken on these issues?

11. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD LEEMING

What steps is the council taking to make walking and cycling accessible for all, as per our manifesto pledge?

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

For each of the last five years, how many council homes have been (a) sold or demolished in Southwark; and (b) built by the council's own development and rented to families on Southwark's housing waiting list?

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

Following the extremely disappointing decision by the Mayor of London to cancel the Rotherhithe Bridge, can the leader outline what steps he is taking to improve transport on the Rotherhithe peninsula?

14. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GRAHAM NEALE

How many scrutiny commission meetings were held in 2018/2019, broken down by commission area?

15. QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ELIZA MANN

Parents have raised concerns about diesel powered ice cream vans polluting the air around schools and parks. Does the council have any plans to work with ice cream sellers to help them switch to electric vehicles and refrigeration systems, particularly for use around schools and parks?

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

At the last Council Budget, Liberal Democrats demonstrated that making better use of office space in Tooley Street would provide the council with £392,000 in savings. Given there are working spaces in the Tooley Street office which lie empty all day, can the Leader outline what steps the administration is taking to capture these efficiency savings?

17. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER BABUDU

What are the next steps for the Pioneer Fund following its launch on 18 June 2019?

18. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR KATH WHITTAM

What has the cabinet member done to ensure that Rotherhithe residents have high speed broadband?

19. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ROSE

Can the cabinet member tell us what plans there are for creating affordable workspaces for the creative and technological industries?

20. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'BRIEN

How does the cabinet member think jobs and business will be impacted by the recent decisions by the Labour Mayor of London to terminate the RV1 service, reject Southwark residents' calls for a tube station at the Bricklayers Arms and break his promise to build the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf bridge?

21. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN

What is the cabinet member doing to protect and promote LGBTQ+ businesses in the borough?

22. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL

Many Elephant and Castle traders feel concerned about the uncertainty of their future given the upcoming judicial review. What is the cabinet member doing to support traders and secure them a long term sustainable future?

23. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION FROM COUNCILLOR RADHA BURGESS

In our manifesto, we promised that we would help 500 young people from low income backgrounds get paid internships with London's best employers. Can the cabinet member tell us when our paid internship scheme will launch?

24. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR JASON OCHERE

Can the cabinet member update us on the rooftop principles and best practice guide, and explain the rationale for it?

25. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR DORA DIXON-FYLE

Does the cabinet member agree that Southwark Council should adopt a construction charter, and if so, what steps will he take to ensure the council signs up to one like the one suggested by Unite the Union?

26. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR ELEANOR KERSLAKE

The Great Estates programme has the potential to change the lives of many of my constituents who live on our estates. How many groups have applied since its launch in May?

27. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA LINFORTH-HALL

Can the cabinet member tell us the time frame and consultation methods for the Social Regeneration Charters in each area, and can he also give us details on what process is going to be used to define each geographical area?

28. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN SEATON

What is the cabinet member doing to campaign for land law reform?

29. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL REGENERATION, GREAT ESTATES AND NEW COUNCIL HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SITU

Can the cabinet member update us on what work has been done to ensure the integration of existing and new residents on sites with new housing?

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

Does the cabinet member agree that sleep-in shifts carried out by care workers on behalf of Southwark should be treated as "working time" for the purpose of calculating compliance with national minimum wage and, if so, could the cabinet member provide assurances that this is the practice being followed by all relevant providers?

31. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY FROM COUNCILLOR HUMAIRA ALI

Has an environmental and traffic impact assessment been performed for the CS4 works on Tooley Street? As traffic is already filtering down side-streets, thereby increasing poor air quality, what measures will the cabinet member be investing in to reduce the impact on residents along Jamaica Road and Tooley Street?