

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  20 March 2019	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Questions submitted by Members of the Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. Set out overleaf are the questions that were submitted by Members of the Council for response by the Mayor, the Speaker or the Chair of a Committee or Sub-Committee at the Council meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2019.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4, questions relating to Executive functions and decisions taken by the Mayor are put to the Mayor unless he delegates such a decision to another Member, who will therefore be responsible for answering the question. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will answer questions directed to the Mayor.
3. Questions are limited to one per Member per meeting, plus one supplementary question unless the Member has indicated that only a written reply is required and in these circumstances a supplementary question is not permitted. Oral responses are time limited to one minute. Supplementary questions and responses are also time limited to one minute each.
4. Council Procedure Rule 10.7 provides for an answer to take the form of a written answer circulated to the questioner, a reference to a published work or a direct oral answer.
5. There is a time limit of thirty minutes at the Council meeting for consideration of Members' questions with no extension of time allowed and any questions not put within this time are dealt with by way of written responses.
6. Members must confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

13 questions have been received from Members of the Council as follows:-

### **10.1 Question from Councillor Mufeedah Bustin**

Can the cabinet member outline the council's new graffiti and street art policy?

### **10.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood**

Why was the Serious Case Review for baby 'Elias' only released in February 2019 when he died approximately 31 months earlier. Given that the Local Safeguarding Children's Board should aim for completion of a Serious Case Review within six months of initiating it according to guidance issued by the Department of Education in March 2015.

### **10.3 Question from Councillor Faroque Ahmed**

There have been ongoing requests for a zebra crossing in front of Kobi Nazrul Primary School. This was raised a number of times. What are the updates and time frame for this happening? A number of visits also took place by both the Mayor and Cllr Edgar to the area in question.

### **10.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds**

Will the Mayor provide an update on how much of the £98.6 million that the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework (Development Infrastructure Funding Study) finalised in November 2017 said had to be spent by the end of this month, has actually been spent on new infrastructure to support growth in the area?

### **10.5 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry**

Can the Lead Member please give me an update about the council's investment in police staff locally in Tower Hamlets, particularly the staff addressing anti-social behaviour?

### **10.6 Question from Councillor Marc Francis**

To ask the Lead Member for Environmental Services what action is being taken to deal with Veolia's persistent missed recycling collections in Bow East ward?

### **10.7 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze**

Can the Mayor or Lead Member tell us what measures are being taken to tackle ASB and drug crime in Whitechapel ward?

### **10.8 Question from Councillor James King**

Can the Mayor update me on progress to preparations for the structural repair of Malting and Brewster Houses in Limehouse ward?

### **10.9 Question from Councillor Dan Tomlinson**

Could the Mayor or Cabinet member provide an update on the potential impact of the Fair Funding Review on the Council's budget?

### **10.10 Question from Councillor Puru Miah**

Can the Lead Member for Community Safety tell me what additional measures have been taken by the Council and other agencies, following the stabbing off Salmon Lane, of a teenager on the 21st February 2019?

### **10.11 Question from Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain**

Can the cabinet member please update members about Operation Continuum and its recent progress?

### **10.12 Question from Councillor Harun Miah**

Can Mr Mayor inform us of the percentage increase in Business Rates since 2015.

### **10.13 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan**

Following the February Budget Meeting can the Mayor outline the steps he has taken to address the Community Language Service Petitioners concerns that the service would be gradually closed through the new proposals that were put forward within the budget?