

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2010

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

SUMMARY

1. Set out overleaf are the questions submitted by members of the public, for response by the appropriate Cabinet Member or committee chair at the Council Meeting on 14th July 2010.
2. The Council's Constitution provides a maximum time limit of thirty minutes for this item.
3. A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one brief supplementary question without notice to the Member who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original or the reply. Supplementary questions and Members' responses to written and supplementary questions are each limited to two minutes.
4. Any question which cannot be dealt with during the thirty minutes allocated for public questions, either because of lack of time or because of non-attendance of the questioner or the Member to whom it was put, will be dealt with by way of a written answer.
5. Unless the Mayor decides otherwise, no discussion will take place on any question, but any Member of the Council may move, without discussion, that the matter raised by a question be referred for consideration by the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee.

QUESTIONS

Two questions have been submitted as set out below:-

6.1 Question from Mr. Terry McGreenera to the Lead Member for Housing, Heritage and Planning, Councillor Marc Francis:

“Following the admission by Liam Byrne, Labour’s Chief Secretary to the Treasury on leaving the Treasury that there is no money and confirmed by the incoming Housing Minister, Grant Snapps, that the coffers are empty for affordable housing and that a ‘myriad’ of schemes will face the axe, what is the point of pursuing the objective of achieving the standards to obtain £200 million if there is no money at the end of the rainbow?”

6.2 Question from Ms. Kate Gould to the Lead Member for Housing, Heritage and Planning, Councillor Marc Francis:

“Regarding planning permission PA/09/00203 for the redevelopment of the former Safeway site, Gladstone Place, Bow, was there any internal or external consultation or report on condition 12, the opening hours of the new supermarket? The permission gives the hours 8am to 11pm, 7 days a week. These hours seem excessively long, and would impact on local residents with additional shoppers' traffic in the late evenings and on Sundays, and with late night drinkers leading to anti-social behaviour in Gladstone Place. It will also impact severely on the existing convenience stores who would otherwise be able to compete by offering earlier and later opening, and could even lead to more shops being vacant instead of the promised regeneration.”