

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 19 th September 2018	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Questions submitted by Members of the Council	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.
Wards affected	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 19th September 2018.
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

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

9.1 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

Can the cabinet member please update the council on what further steps will be taken to improve services and support for our children who are looked after, following the latest Ofsted monitoring visit?

9.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

In 2016 the Mayor of London pledged to plant 2,000,000 trees across the Capital during his period of office. Will the Mayor inform the council as to how many of the 42 trees pledged to be planted each and every day in Tower Hamlets have actually been planted, or as in the case of the Isle of Dogs have been planted and then left to wither and die?

9.3 Question from Councillor Muhammad HM Harun

Langdon Park has two pedestrian pathways starting from the Station. The pathway ending at Chadbourn Street has no lighting at all. Many residents, particularly women, have raised the lack of lighting with me and an ME response I received highlighted that lighting would be difficult to install given the difficult budget circumstances. Would the Mayor be willing to look at this particular situation to see what can be done?

9.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Will the Mayor explain why the Council is so poor at communication?

9.5 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan

Can the mayor confirm that action has been taken to fix the CCTV on the Bancroft estate, given residents' concerns about crime in the area?

9.6 Question from Councillor Kevin Brady

Given the potentially devastating financial implications for local businesses if the Network Rail sale of railway arches goes ahead, what has the council done to stand up for business tenants that use the arches, and to challenge Network Rail's rent increases?

9.7 Question from Councillor Sabina Akhtar

Could the Lead Member please report on the progress of the Local Plan Examination in Public?

9.8 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Can the lead member please give me an update with regards to Council plans to introduce loading bays in the south east side, outside Ghandi Oriental Foodstore, in Mile End Ward.

9.9 Question from Councillor Bex White

Could the Cabinet Member report on the successful bids for the Mayor's Air Quality Fund?

9.10 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Environmental Services clarify how many disabled people had their Personalised Disabled Parking Bay removed under the revised eligibility criteria introduced by the former Mayor and Lead Member in 2014, and how many of those residents have had their bay reinstated since those criteria were set aside in early 2018?

9.11 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze

Can the Mayor please provide an update on the delivery of affordable and social housing in the borough?

9.12 Question from Councillor Abdul Mukit

What steps are being taken by the Council to prevent ASB problems in the Weavers area?

9.13 Question from Councillor James King

When will the council be making environmental improvements to tackle anti-social behaviour at the southern end of Three Colt Street in Limehouse?

9.14 Question from Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

With the recent approval of planning application of Chrisp Street Market Regeneration, will Mayor John Biggs use his best endeavours to canvass options of increasing the quota for social housing?

9.15 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Can Mayor Biggs explain what is his definition of building council homes as promised in his election manifesto?