


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 21 November 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 21st November 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

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

9.1 Question from Councillor Asma Islam:

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member set out what the council is doing to encourage more residents to become foster carers, particularly in light of Afia Choudhury winning the 2018 Fostering Network President's Award after being a foster carer with Tower Hamlets for 13 years?

9.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Given that the Council recently signed the "Violence Against Women and Girls Charter" why did the Council choose not to inform nearby female residents of the threat of sexual assaults from a lone male on Blackwall Way although it did send an internal warning message to its own staff?

9.3 Question from Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE:

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm to me who the new developer planning to develop Bishopsgate Goodsyrd is and when local residents may have opportunities to raise their concerns?

9.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Why did Tower Hamlets only receive £13 million of the £1,029 million government grant allocated to London Boroughs by the Mayor of London to build new affordable homes despite currently having the highest housing targets in London?

9.5 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze:

What is the council doing to help and support EU citizens in Tower Hamlets before and after Brexit?

9.6 Question from Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member please update members on how the Tackling Poverty Fund is being used?

9.7 Question from Councillor Sufia Alam

What were the outcomes from the Violent Crime Summit and how will it shape the council's work going forward?

9.8 Question from Councillor Dan Tomlinson:

To ask the Mayor/Cabinet for an update on our use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). In particular, how many PSPO areas we have in the borough and if we have any plans to add more in the years ahead?

9.9 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry:

November is “safeguarding” month and currently one in three women and girls experience gender violence in their life time. Therefore, I wanted to ask about why the Violence Against Women and Girls Charter has been developed and what it aims to achieve?

9.10 Question from Councillor Mohammed Ahab Hossain:

Can the cabinet member please update me on the work of the Brexit Commission?

9.11 Question from Councillor Mufeedah Bustin:

What is the process and timings for the Master Plan for the parks on the south of the Isle of Dogs?

9.12 Question from Councillor Ehtasham Haque:

How will the new financial health centre, operated by THH, benefit residents?

9.13 Question from Councillor Puru Miah:

Does the lead member acknowledge the concerns ordinary residents of Mile End have over the proposed TFL North South Cycle Route, in particular the adverse impact anticipated on the Burdett/Mile End Road junction?

9.14 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen:

Would the lead member agree, that the recent application by the Police for Closure Order for the ASB behaviour in the communal areas of Delafield House, and Berner North Estate, is a step in the right direction to the ongoing problems of drugs and ASB in Whitechapel?

9.15 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan:

Will the gas holders in St. Peter’s be protected under the Tower Hamlets local plan?

9.16 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Why did LBTH under Mayor Biggs secure only 13 million pounds of grant funding for housing from the GLA and could he clarify the number of 1,2 and 3 bedrooms that he bid for?