

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 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 24th March 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

Seven questions have been submitted as set out below:-

6.1 Question from Mr. Terry McGreenera to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Joshua Peck:

“Is the complaints procedure itself a cause for complaint?”

6.2 Question from Mr. Craig Aston to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis:

“Can the Lead Member inform me when security doors will be fitted on the entrances to 2 – 40 Rosefield Gardens and 1 – 31 Kemps Drive and when urgent decoration will be carried out on the ceilings in the public corridors of these blocks?”

6.3 Question from Ms. Francesca Preece to the Lead Member for Children, Schools and Families, Councillor Abdul Asad:

“What has the Lead Member or Ward Councillors done to provide youth services in Bow West and what is being done given the recent incident in Parnell Road when a youth was murdered? There is a lack of youth provision in Bow West and as a result youths have no activities to engage with and often resort to hanging out on the streets. We have also not seen any Youth Worker.”

6.4 Question from Mrs. Hazjera Khatun to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis:

“I am resident of Brodick House, Bow, E3 and I currently live in a 2 bedroom property which houses 7 people. I have been on the waiting list for 7 years. I visited Cllr Marc Francis at his surgery and was informed that he was unable to assist me. Can you tell me what is going to be done to assist families like myself with the overcrowding issue and not being able to get off of the waiting list?”

6.5 Question from Ms. Joanna Buckman to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis:

“Spitalfields surgery is leased by the practice from One Housing. There has been a problem with the sewage drainage since this was built and the sewage is now seeping into the basement and up the walls and the smell and odour is affecting the whole of the downstairs consulting rooms which nurses have to work in. Four of these rooms have been shut. One Housing has been informed several times and they have inspected but nothing has been done. The problem has now been there for the last 3 weeks and poses a health risk to both patients and staff and as a result staff have been off sick and unable to provide services. One Housing has a history of not responding to maintenance work in this public service premise and we would

ask the Lead Member and Ward Councillors to take this issue up on behalf of 13,000 patients and the 50 staff. If this continues, we may be forced to close the surgery down. Will you support us?"

6.6 Question from Ms. Sally Hone to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis:

"Are all planning application cases based on a 'priority' basis, as this is the information that we have frequently been told? However, the conditions following our full planning permission has exceeded the councils' practice of discharge by over three months (28 days from receipt of a validated condition). At what stage does this delay come into consideration to promote our case as a priority?"

6.7 Question from Mr. Adrian Lockwood to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis:

"When myself and others became tenants and home owners of Green Dragon Yard, E1 there was no mention or record from our landlord or Tower Hamlets Council that it would become a car free zone area. The Council has been issuing residents' permits for over eight years. Residents need their vehicles for many reasons including employment and I am asking the Lead Member when this decision was made and when will it be overturned to allow us to park in our resident area?"