

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 13 th November 2019	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Questions submitted by Members of the Council	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of 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 13 November 2019.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4, 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

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

8.1 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan

How did the council respond to the London City Airport consultation on its expansion proposals?

8.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

The government has announced funding nationally for 60 new youth centres, we have primary schools with planning permission that we do not want anymore and only two small youth centres in the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar area, it is not now time to build a new youth centre for the fastest growing place in the UK?

8.3 Question from Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

Can the lead member please provide information on primary school results this year?

8.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Will the Mayor explain, in the light of the third elected councillor in seven years being convicted for housing fraud, what steps are being taken to protect against this and to ensure the integrity of the majority of members who serve the community properly and legally and to the best of their abilities?

8.5 Question from Councillor Sufia Alam

What assessment has the council made about the impact of the government's recent school funding announcements on schools in Tower Hamlets?

8.6 Question from Councillor Faroque Ahmed

With the Town Hall soon moving to the Royal London site and cross rail opening soon, Whitechapel would be the gateway to our borough. Can the Mayor or the Lead Member inform us what we are doing to help improve the markets and the environment around the new Town Hall?

8.7 Question from Councillor Leema Qureshi

The first 1,001 days are crucial to a child's development. Can the Lead Member please update the council on what we are doing to ensure children have a healthy start to life?

8.8 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Adults Services publish the service review report which has led to the proposal to end the meals on wheels service for pensioners and disabled people?

8.9 Question from Councillor Abdal Ullah

Will the Mayor reconsider the restrictions being put upon local residents of my ward? The 'bus gate' is a great idea to stop rat-runners however its introduction will limit the free movement of local residents. We welcome the Liveable Streets programme to Wapping and look forward to working to improve our streets and encourage people to walk and cycle, however the 'bus gate' restrictions will have an impact by adding further delays and congestion to locals residents who have to use cars.

8.10 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Can the lead member inform us what we are doing to ensure young people growing up in Tower Hamlets are provided with the right skills to obtain employment?

8.11 Question from Councillor Asma Islam

Can the Mayor please update members on the mitigations introduced as part of the Local Community Fund to support organisations whose funding ended once the mainstream grants programme ended, and how these measures will support service users?

8.12 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

What were the key findings of the Child Poverty Action Group's report on the impacts of Universal Credit in Tower Hamlets and how will the council be responding to the recommendations?

8.13 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member update members on the Liveable Streets programme and the proposals for Bethnal Green?

8.14 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Will the Mayor agree to ensure that applications for medical priority on the basis of ASD should be assessed by a specialist medical assessor with a specific understanding of ASD and to ensure that, where necessary, such applications for medical priority should be entitled to automatic OT visit?