


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 17 th March 2021	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Interim Monitoring Officer	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 17th March 2021.
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

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

11.1 Question from Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan

Recently the major US health insurance group Centene Corporation took over GP services provided by AT medics, affecting half a million patients, in what has been described as privatisation of the NHS by stealth. Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member provide an update on the impact in Tower Hamlets, and how this privatisation might impact our outstanding public health services which have worked so hard to keep our communities safe during the pandemic?

11.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Will the Mayor provide an update and likely timetable regarding the rebuild of George Green's Secondary School?

11.3 Question from Councillor Sufia Alam

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member tell us how we are supporting young people into work?

11.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

How much of the £4.8 billion that the government gave to the Mayor of London in grants to build new affordable homes between 2016 and 2023 as well as the £4 billion allocated 2021 to 2026 has been allocated to Tower Hamlets Council as well as housing association projects in Tower Hamlets?

11.5 Question from Councillor Leema Qureshi

Can the lead member tell us how we will prioritise tackling the climate emergency as we go through the recovery phase of the world pandemic?

11.6 Question from Councillor Shad Chowdhury

What support will the council provide small businesses in Spitalfields after Covid, for the Covid recovery?

11.7 Question from Councillor Bex White

What is the Council doing to minimise plastic waste in the Borough, and how is it working in partnership with other local organisations to do this?

11.8 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan

What role will sports play in the Covid recovery for young people, and will there be any funding allocated for this?

11.9 Question from Councillor Amina Ali

What are we doing to support foodbanks in the borough, which have provided such an important lifeline during the pandemic?

11.10 Question from Councillor Ehtasham Haque

Can the residents of the Isle of Dogs have absolute assurances that the historical Cubitt Town Library will not be closed and will always be protected as a community asset and continue to serve the residents of the Isle of Dogs?

11.11 Question from Councillor Dipa Das

What support has the council given to help businesses recover from the impact of Covid - 19?

11.12 Question from Councillor David Edgar

The government has launched an independent review of children's social care. Will the council be making a response to the review?

11.13 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Will the council continue to lobby national government to fully resolve the fire cladding issue which currently leaves many residents in limbo?

11.14 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Planning & Social Inclusion set out the enforcement action that has been taken against the developer of 329 Morville Street for its persistent breaches of the hours of operation on that site?

11.15 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze

What is the council doing to keep our streets clean during the pandemic?

11.16 Question from Councillor Ayas Miah

How much Covid grant have we received so far from government, can the lead member provide a breakdown of how we have spent it, and is there any further discretionary grant available for charities or non-rateable businesses?

11.17 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen

As the Liveable Streets scheme has been suspended in Whitechapel, will funding still be made available for cleaner streets, as that is needed?

11.18 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Following the full council motion Regarding Fire Safety & The Security of The Housing Sector in Tower Hamlets when will there be an online cladding portal on the council website to provide information, updates on funding and remediation progress on what the council is doing for residents and leaseholders affected by the cladding crisis. This is not the generic fire safety information page on the council website but one specifically to address the Cladding Crisis.

11.19 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Can the mayor confirm that the relevant Covid 19 risk assessment have been carried out for all front line council staff who have interaction with members of the public?"