

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 21 st July 2021	
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 21st July 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

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

10.1 Question from Councillor Leema Qureshi

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member please provide information on how many affordable homes have been built in the borough since 2015?

10.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Noting the problems regarding consultation with both school streets and liveable streets will the Mayor explain how he and his officers liaise with the emergency services before implementation of his proposals?

10.3 Question from Councillor Dipa Das

How will the Government's cuts to Discretionary Housing Payments affect residents in Tower Hamlets and in particular how will the Council's Tackling Poverty work help to support these residents?

10.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Can the Council help find new facilities for the Police Cadets based at the Isle of Dogs Police station which has been sold as well as the 2nd East London Scouts twice now forced out of their base by squatters?

10.5 Question from Councillor Amina Ali

What action is the Council taking to drive up vaccination rates in Tower Hamlets?

10.6 Question from Councillor Shad Chowdhury

How will the Mayor's £3m Covid Recovery Fund be used to support the borough's recovery over the coming months and years?

10.7 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

What progress is the council making in meeting its commitments on climate change?

10.8 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Housing provide an update on the roll-out of the Traffic Management Orders to enable parking enforcement on our council housing estates?

10.9 Question from Councillor Bex White

What is the council doing about mopeds, motorbikes and pushbikes being ridden on pavements in connection with the increase in food delivery. Will we be incorporating this into the licensing policy and processes to ensure that takeaway food premises have a plan that doesn't involve using the pavements inappropriately?

10.10 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan

What assessment has been made of the funding announced by the Government to help school pupils catch-up?

10.11 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member provide an update on the delivery of new street trees?

10.12 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member update members on the Covid-19 Response Annual Report, and how the council has responded to the pandemic?

10.13 Question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member give an update on the decision to renew the council's selective licensing scheme, and what other measures are in place to protect private renters?

10.14 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen

What continuing support is available to help our local businesses as restrictions are eased and as trading begins to gradually recover?

10.15 Question from Councillor Kahar Chowdhury

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's planned summer activities programme?

10.16 Question from Councillor Gabriella Salva-Macallan

The Council have earmarked a community centre, the Canal Club in St Peter's Wards for demolition as part of the council house building project. Would the Mayor and lead member consider meeting with local residents to discuss 'meanwhile use' by the local community of the centre?

10.17 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Mayor John Biggs is proposing to spend £2,996,265 on the Mayor's Covid Recovery Fund. Will the Mayor ensure money is allocated to address educational digital divide so that every child in the borough has access to a laptop or IT device over the summer and when schools reopen to support children's gap in their learning caused by Covid?