

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2011

**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 13th April 2011.
2. The Council's Constitution sets a maximum time limit of twenty 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 question 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 twenty 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 Chair of Council 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

Four questions have been submitted as set out below:-

6.1 Question from Mr. Glenn Power to the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Alibor Choudhury

"Tower Hamlets achieved Fairtrade status in 2006. Volunteers on the steering group would like to know what measures the Council would consider taking to increase its support for fair trade. Could officers consult with other Fairtrade councils, such as Bristol and Newcastle, to learn from their best practice?"

6.2 Question from Ms. Clare Harrison to the Mayor, Lutfur Rahman

"What is the Mayor doing to prevent the use of unlicensed mini cabs in the borough?"

6.3 Question from Ms. Seema Kapoor to the Mayor, Lutfur Rahman

"Does the Mayor recognise the unique, valuable and highly cost effective work done by the Family Play Project which operates on Saturday mornings and provides a family play environment for families of disabled children and their siblings? The families using the service were also unhappy at the nature of the consultation provided by the Council and had very little notice before their funding was cut.

The Mayor would be warmly welcomed if he wished to visit the project and see for himself the good work it does. Will he pledge to work with the project to ensure that it is able to continue?"

6.4 Question from Mr. James King to the Mayor, Lutfur Rahman

"Could the Mayor update us on the progress of the campaign to overturn the appalling decision made by the London 2012 Organising Committee to backtrack on the promise made to run the Olympic marathon through the East End?"