

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**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 Mayor or appropriate Cabinet Member or committee chair at the Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
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 Speaker 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**

Six questions have been submitted as set out below:-

### **6.1 Question from Mr Akther Zaman**

I read in this week's Private Eye that the Labour group leader had claimed on his time sheet for a party-political stunt, cleaning the streets. Is this true?

### **6.2 Question from Mr Salah Uddin Salam**

Is it true that last year, the council's chair of the pensions committee was paid nearly £6,000 for two meetings that lasted less than two hours?

### **6.3 Question from Mr Scott Stuart**

The Olympics were a once in a lifetime opportunity to showcase Tower Hamlets to the world, bringing their celebration and economic benefits to residents. Instead we were stripped of the marathon and there has been little other than the underperforming Live Sites in the borough. Why has the Mayor failed to stand up for residents and let this Olympic opportunity pass us by?

### **6.4 Question from Mr Afzalur Rahman**

Earlier this year the Mayor declared Brick Lane to be the Country's Curry Capital and promised that businesses would reap great rewards from the Olympics. It was reported that £120,000 had been allocated to promote Brick Lane as part of London 2012, yet many restaurants saw massive drops in trade despite being urged to take on extra staff for the Olympics. What happened to the publicity budget and why did the Mayor not deliver for Brick lane businesses?

### **6.5 Question from Ms Shumi Shabiha**

Why did the Labour and Tory group leaders not turn up to the armed forces parade in Wapping garden?

### **6.6 Question from Junyied Ahmed Sundor**

Can the Mayor explain why he put a submission to the Boundary Commission to reduce the number of councillors from 51 to 45? Why does he think Tower Hamlets needs less Councillors?