

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 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 28th November 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

Seven questions have been submitted as set out below:-

6.1 Question from Ms Victoria Kent

Ability Bow helps people with disabilities to achieve independent living through the provision of supported exercise and healthy living activities. Now all Ability Bow's statutory funding from TH has been taken away, how does the Mayor intend to support disabled residents to maintain their fitness and wellbeing and prevent them all from repeated returns to NHS services?

6.2 Question from Ms Shuily Akthar

What is the Mayor's view on free schools and can he update us on the status of Culloden School on becoming academy status?

6.3 Question from Mr Brian Nicholson

How will the Mayor use the proceeds from Henry Moore statue?

6.4 Question from Mr Shamsur Rahman

We are concerned about the high service charges and the poor quality of maintenance work in the Holland estate; will the Mayor take our concern up with East End Homes?

6.5 Question from Mr Mosrur Ahmed

Is the Decent Homes initiative still in place, if so when will the Bancroft Estate and Rogers Estate areas be worked on?

6.6 Question from Mr Abul Bashar

Is the Decent Homes initiative still available in Bancroft Estate?

6.7 Question from Ms Tessa Horvath

We are pleased that the council has recently committed to recognising prostitution as a form of violence against women. We are concerned however that women in street-based prostitution continue to be punished through police arrests which is exacerbating the victimisation these women face. Will the council therefore commit to including an outcome in the new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to significantly reduce the number of arrests of women involved in prostitution?