

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE 2013

**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 26th June 2013.
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

Nine questions have been submitted as set out below:-

6.1 Question from Mr Muhammad Haque, Organiser, the KHOODEELAAR! Campaign in Defence of the Community in the East End of London

What is Tower Hamlets Council's Constitutionally installed and transparently DEMOCRATICALLY active audit procedure for overseeing the conduct of those bodies especially the ones that have been allowed to take over the control of formerly Council-owned and Council controlled Housing stock in the context of the clear and the express undertaking given by LBTH Council to the Community and parts of the Community in the Borough on the relevant estates affected by the implications of the stock transfer procedures that were put into operation?

6.2 Question from Ms Janet Wade

Can the Mayor please tell us why he has still failed to bring forward the amended Open Spaces Strategy to full council, despite Full Council twice passing a motion on 16 May 2012 and 17 April 2013 to limit the number of events in Victoria Park to 6 days each year, prevent the park being used for commercial events on consecutive weekends, set a closing time for events to 10pm and a reduced noise limit for commercial events, and to prevent commercial events being held in Sir John McDougal Gardens, Millwall Park, Island Gardens and the gardens at Trinity Square?

6.3 Question from Mr Steven Barthram, Branch Chairman, Newham and Tower Hamlets Multiple Sclerosis Society

Recently I was pleased to learn that our high streets including Roman Road Market will receive a cash injection of some £355K following your recent budget, to encourage local economic growth. But, Mr Mayor, residents are unaware how an earlier more substantial investment was utilised to regenerate the Roman Road market area. Can you therefore give us a complete breakdown of how the £1.6 million was spent, and will you please undertake a full Mayoral Inquiry into the spending of this vast sum of money?

6.4 Question from Mr Syed Akamot Ali, Tower Hamlets Traders Business Association UK

Can the Mayor explain why he removed the gangway between stalls in Whitechapel? When will he reinstate the lavatory in Whitechapel Market for stall holders and residents? When will he improve the Whitechapel Market surface and provide decent permanent stall infrastructure?

6.5 Question from Mr Nic Bentley

Could the Mayor of Tower Hamlets tell me what public consultation the council has taken around Thames Water's proposal to use the Highway Business Park, Heckford St as a potential site for a tunnelling site of the Thames Tideway Tunnel?

6.6 Question from Ms Kathy McTasney

As the community begin to feel the full impact of the Tory government's Bedroom Tax. Can the Mayor update this meeting and the community what the Council is doing to support residents who are and will be adversely affected.

6.7 Question from Mr Omar Sharif

What is the council doing to address the conduct of councillors during council meetings?

6.8 Question from Mr Yousuf Khan

Is the mayor aware of the work of the Students Rights organisation on university campuses?

6.9 Question from Mr Abjol Miah

Will the council join me in condemning the abhorrent murder in Woolwich and the subsequent reprisals by the Far Right EDL?