

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**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 at the Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
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**

Eight public questions have been submitted as set out below:-

### **6.1 Question from Mr Muhammad Haque:**

What motivated candidates at 22 May 2014 to seek election to Tower Hamlets and what are the ethical, democratic, accountable actions that current councillors on Tower Hamlets Council are more content about and what actions they are not content about and what are the councillors doing to make all their actions accountable, ethical, transparent and relevant to and representative of the daily lives, needs, expectations of ordinary people of ALL BACKGROUNDS in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets?

### **6.2 Question from Mr John Wright:**

All developments have to put to council a Construction Management Plan (CMP). The CMP sets out the rules that protect existing residents against the damaging effects of the development construction. The former council failed to consult with residents regarding the CMP for the large Telfords development on the Glamis Estate. This has caused great distress to residents, resulting in the site being closed down twice already, without a brick being laid. It is perfectly obvious that Telfords have absolutely no regard for the welfare of residents. Apparently Telfords have now entered to council a new CMP. Will our new council carefully monitor and enforce all CMPs to protect its residents and also that this council protects the residents already of as previously – the developers?

### **6.3 Question from Mr Raihan Islam:**

The parking transfer scheme has many strings attached with the idea of car free zones and confuses many of the locals. In some cases even the officers from the One Stop parking shop have given misleading advice, perhaps because there are strings attached to the car free zones which creates confusion. Can the council make clear if residents who have three bedrooms and over are allowed permits in car free zones. Also to minus any conditions attached to it?

### **6.4 Question from Mr Ashok Kumar:**

Can the Council provide an update on the Erik Pickles-instigated government inspection?

### **6.5 Question from Mr Gary Reddin:**

What is the Mayor doing to save our Doctors surgeries?

**6.6 Question from Ms Jackie Applebee, GP:**

What steps are being taken by the council to ensure the survival of vital GP services in Tower Hamlets? Could they determine from NHS England, or if necessary the Secretary of State, what is being done in detail to support GP practices in Tower Hamlets that have identified themselves as being at risk of closure or severe service reduction due to cuts in funding either through the withdrawal of MPIG from GMS practices or the withdrawal of monies to PMS and APMS practices?

**6.7 Question from Mr Michael James:**

How will this council deal with unjust private landlords and protect victimised tenants from eviction?

**6.8 Question from Mr. Glenn McMahon, Tower Hamlets Renters Group:**

Can the Council please update us on what action is being taken to enforce better conditions in the private rented sector? We are particularly concerned about the reports of serious disrepair and threats of retaliatory evictions at Chapman House, Bigland Street, E1.