

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**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 Lead Member at Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
2. The Council's Constitution provides a time limit of thirty 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 or the reply.
4. Any question which cannot be dealt with during the thirty minutes allocated for public questions, either because of lack of time or because of non-attendance of the Member, to whom it was put, will be dealt with by way of a written answer.
5. Unless the Mayor 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 to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee.

## QUESTIONS

The questions which have been submitted are set out below:

**1 Question from Mr. Terry McGreenera to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah**

“How many fixed penalty notices have the Environmental Services department issued over the past two years?”

**2 Question from Ms. Johanna Kaschke to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis**

“I would like to know whether it would influence the authority in considering improvements to council blocks if a lot of “poor” leaseholders are unable to pay towards those improvements and whether the council would be likely not to carry out the improvements if this is the case. I call them poor leaseholders because some could just about afford to purchase a cut price home and now have no money to pay towards block/estate improvements and they would not always want to sell their homes. Would the council want to keep leaseholders happy by carrying out fewer improvements to the blocks?”

**3 Question from Mr. Alan Tucker to the Lead Member for Housing & Development, Councillor Marc Francis**

“The consultation on the development of the Safeway site in Roman Road has raised an unprecedented level of objections to the plans. The building proposed dwarfs the surrounding properties. The density of the build is nearly twice that set out in planning guidelines. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee voiced concerns about this build from the outset and asked that the terms of the lease should have appropriate controls.

At the Cabinet meeting in January assurances were given that the concerns raised would be addressed in planning. Cabinet was also told that the developer was weeks away from completing negotiations with a major food retailer to provide the supermarket that is badly needed to stop the decline of the area.

Has any retailer actually signed a contract with the developers to provide a substantial sized supermarket and if so what size is it?”