Non-Executive Report of the: Council 18 January 2017 **TOWER HAMLETS** Classification: **Report of:** Graham White, Acting Corporate Director, Unrestricted

Questions Submitted by the Public

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager,
	Democratic Services.
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

Governance

- 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 18 January 2017.
- 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.
- Any question which cannot be dealt with during the twenty minutes allocated 4. for public questions, either because of lack of time or because of nonattendance of the questioner or the Member to whom it was put, will be dealt with by way of a written answer.
- Unless the Speaker of Council decides otherwise, no discussion will take 5. 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

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

6.1 Question from Abdul Motin

Despite assurance from the Mayor at various public meetings before and after the last Mayoral election that the Mayor would not do without the residents consent; why has the Mayor in his last Cabinet papers identified the Barkentine, and Samuda Estate as a Regeneration Opportunity Area, without consulting us - the resident? Is this a print error? Or was a false promise made by the Mayor at the time of his speech to us?

6.2 Question from Ahmed Hussain

The council certainly has a duty to collect its taxes & fees either due or unpaid. But is it right to use the council's "Bailiffs" and "Court Orders" inappropriately, too early too soon; if not then why is this council using these resources to often to early?