


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 23 January 2019	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Questions submitted by Members of the Council	

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

SUMMARY

1. Set out overleaf are the questions that were submitted by Members of the Council for response by the Mayor, the Speaker or the Chair of a Committee or Sub-Committee at the Council meeting on Wednesday 23rd January 2019.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4, questions relating to Executive functions and decisions taken by the Mayor are put to the Mayor unless he delegates such a decision to another Member, who will therefore be responsible for answering the question. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will answer questions directed to the Mayor.
3. Questions are limited to one per Member per meeting, plus one supplementary question unless the Member has indicated that only a written reply is required and in these circumstances a supplementary question is not permitted. Oral responses are time limited to one minute. Supplementary questions and responses are also time limited to one minute each.
4. Council Procedure Rule 10.7 provides for an answer to take the form of a written answer circulated to the questioner, a reference to a published work or a direct oral answer.
5. There is a time limit of thirty minutes at the Council meeting for consideration of Members' questions with no extension of time allowed and any questions not put within this time are dealt with by way of written responses.
6. Members must confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

13 questions have been received from Members of the Council as follows:-

9.1 Question from Councillor John Pierce

How has the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the Council's proposed 2019-20 Budget and the MTFS 2019-22?

9.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Why did the Mayor say in 2017 the "Illegally demolished historic cottages (on Eastferry road) must be rebuilt brick by brick" when in 2005 the "Council were happy at that time to see them demolished" according to the Planning Inspectorate?

9.3 Question from Councillor Dipa Das

Could the Lead Member please provide an update on the Brexit Commission?

9.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Why did the Council on the 5th November 2018 ask the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee to agree to spend £650,000 on a new health app when on the 27th September 2018 the national NHS started beta testing of their own health app with very similar or additional features? (the NHS app was available on Google Play and Apple app stores from the end of 2018)

9.5 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze

Can the Mayor or cabinet member please tell me what preparations the Council has made for rough sleepers during cold weather?

9.6 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Can the lead member for Place please confirm whether additional community and public engagement is taking place with regards to the recent planning application of the infill house building programme on the Locksley Estate in Mile End Ward (known as Locksley D).

9.7 Question from Councillor Bex White

Could the Mayor outline how the council is taking forward the concerns raised regarding dangerous driving and air quality?

9.8 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member update me on the progress of the refurbishment of the Victoria Park One O'clock Club, including a date when it will be re-opened for stay and play sessions for young children?

9.9 Question from Councillor Sufia Alam

Can the Lead Member please update us on work around the recruitment and retention of social workers?

9.10 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

I'd like to ask Deputy Mayor Councillor Rachel Blake for an update on the Breathe Clean awareness campaign, given Tower Hamlets air pollution is the 5th worst of any London borough.

9.11 Question from Councillor Asma Islam

Can the Lead Member please provide an update on the findings of the latest Ofsted monitoring visit of Children's Social Care?

9.12 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

I would like to thank the Lead Member for inviting me to the Mayor's Early Years Summit in November and ask him to update us on the issues raised and the next steps to be taken.

9.13 Question from Councillor Sabina Akhtar

Can the cabinet member please update members about the £1.5m investment in the borough's leisure centres?