


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 17 July 2019	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Questions submitted by Members of the Council	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of 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 17 July 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

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

9.1 Question from Councillor Asma Islam

After the fatal stabbing on St Paul's Way and other violent incidents across the Borough and London, would the Cabinet Member please inform us about ongoing work to improve community safety?

9.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

How much money has been spent since 2010 by the Council, Diocese and the Department of Education on re-fitting or upgrading the two Raines Foundation secondary school sites?

9.3 Question from Councillor James King

How has the council been part of consultation with Cyril Jackson Primary school about their movement towards becoming an academy?

9.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

With the need to reduce emissions from vehicles which pollute the air in this borough, what steps is the Mayor taking reduce emissions from vehicles owned or leased by the Council.

9.5 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the numbers of two year old children accessing early learning in the borough

9.6 Question from Councillor Shad Chowdhury

With the Veolia contract coming to an end, what measures is the Council taking to maintain and improve the level of service with regards to rubbish collection and recycling, especially in areas like Spitalfields and Banglatown, due to the night time economy, have extra demand in terms of cleaning and waste

9.7 Question from Councillor Mufeedah Bustin

With the Co-operative Party's new campaign on food justice highlighting that over 500,000 people used food banks last year, can the cabinet member update members on what measures Tower Hamlets Council is taking to tackle poverty?

9.8 Question from Councillor Kevin Brady:

Following reports that primary school classes in my ward had been discouraged from visiting Bethnal Green library, what measures are being taken to ensure our Idea Stores and Libraries are supporting children into becoming life-long readers?

9.9 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen

With both a Faith School and a Mosque in Cavell Street, Whitechapel, it is a very busy street. Does the Mayor and Cabinet member agree that the street would benefit from a zebra crossing to ensure residents safety, both old and young?

9.10 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Can the Cabinet Member update members about the good work happening around Liveable Streets, particularly on the work around School Streets and Play Streets?

9.11 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Housing set out the number of assessments that have been carried out by the Housing Occupational Therapy Team in each of the past four years, and what the average waiting time for an assessment was in each of those years?

9.12 Question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed

Can the Cabinet Member please update the council on the work being done to strengthen the voice of young people in decision making?

9.13 Question from Councillor Bex White

Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Social Work Academy and the impact that it is having on recruitment and retention of social workers?

9.14 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Does, the Mayor agree with the hundreds of complaints/demand for rerun, made by residents in Mile End Ward, that it was discriminatory practice to hold a consultation on the proposed north south cycle route (Hackney to Canary Wharf) in the middle Ramadan?