

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 18 September 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 18 September 2019.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4, 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 Tarik Khan

Can the cabinet member please update members about the council's investment in its summer programme and what indicators we have about the success of the programme?

9.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Can the Council confirm that the new Wapping London Dock secondary school which the Council confirmed would be given the lease for the land is a free school being opened up under the free school presumption process?

9.3 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry

Will the cabinet member update members on the recent A-level and GCSE results?

9.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Will the Mayor outline what protection and support is given to council officers who face or have been intimidated within or near council premises or their private homes?

9.5 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

To ask the Lead Member, further to the response to my question at Full Council on 17th July, detailing the growing number of housing OT assessments in the past 18 months and the action now being taken to reduce unacceptably long average waiting times, what factors does he believe have caused this increased demand and consequent delay in ensuring disabled and unwell households are given the Health priority their case merits?

9.6 Question from Councillor Mufedah Bustin

What are the next steps for improvement following Ofsted's 'good' rating for Tower Hamlets Children's Services?

9.7 Question from Councillor Ehtasham Haque

Will the Mayor recognise the importance of saving the Whitechapel Bell Foundry as one of the greatest heritage of the UK and commit to a Compulsory Purchase Order so that it can be preserved?

9.8 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead

Can the lead member provide an update on its programme to tackle holiday hunger?

9.9 Question from Councillor Dan Tomlinson

New car-free housing developments at Bow River Village are causing significant parking issues for long-standing residents in Bromley-by-Bow, will the council extend the parking permit times into the evenings and weekends to help these residents?

9.10 Question from Councillor Shad Chowdhury

Spitalfields has a huge number of historical buildings, what is the Council doing to preserve not just the external face of historical buildings but to ensure the historical planning use of buildings is preserved, like the Whitechapel Bell Foundry?

9.11 Question from Councillor Asma Islam

To ask whether the council will be participating in National Democracy Week and what activities are planned?

9.12 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Why is the Mayor not using Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers to save the irreplaceable heritage status of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry?

9.13 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Will the council carry out a serious case review on the Bethnal Green Schoolgirls who left for Syrian?

9.14 Question from Councillor Harun Miah

Recently I have noticed few large size public litter bins outside Shadwell Overground station, can Mr Mayor tell us, are these new smart bins being rolled out across the borough