

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Questions submitted by Members of the Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
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**

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

### **11.1 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan**

Will the Mayor provide an update on the Liveable Streets programme?

### **11.2 Question from Councillor Kabir Ahmed**

Can the Mayor give a break down of how much money has been spent to date on his liveable streets project? This includes costs for:

- Consultants/ so called consultation?
- Planters?
- Transport costs?
- Council Officer time/cost?
- Any other cost for this project?

### **11.3 Question from Councillor Leema Qureshi**

How is the Mayor's Covid Recovery Fund being used?

### **11.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds**

Will the Mayor outline his plan to mitigate the anti-social behaviour at St Andrews Wharf, Masthouse Terrace and the Basketball Area of Millwall Park which is increasingly blighting the peace of local residents?

### **11.5 Question from Councillor Eve McQuillan**

What is the council's response to the Government's announcement on social care, and how much has the council itself invested in social care in 2020/21?

### **11.6 Question from Councillor Harun Miah**

According to the THLP website the Labour Mayor and Cllrs are 'fighting for Cleaner, safer and fair for Tower Hamlets'

Rubbish not being collected-failed

Crime gone up - failed

Some roads blocked others open, how is that fair - failed

Can the Mayor explain who is politically responsible for delivering a cleaner, safer and fair Tower Hamlets?

### **11.7 Question from Councillor David Edgar**

According to the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 63% of the 200 million tonnes of waste generated in Britain annually is construction debris. The construction industry contributes around 40% of the country's total emissions. The London Plan 2021 Policy SI 7 sets a target for the London Mayor, waste planning authorities and industry of at least 95% of waste from construction and demolition to be reused, recycled or recovered.

What steps has the council already taken or is planning to take through its planning framework, regeneration and other policies, and work with partners such as housing

associations to minimise the waste and CO2 emissions from construction work and reuse rather than demolish buildings?

#### **11.8 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood**

Can the Mayor provide an update on the discussions with the London Fire Brigade as to the use of Community Infrastructure Levy monies to fund additional fire safety equipment?

#### **11.9 Question from Councillor Amina Ali**

Can the Mayor provide an update on the Council's Building Safety Pledge and how it is supporting residents in Tower Hamlets?

#### **11.10 Question from Councillor Shah Ameen**

Can the Mayor update members on the council's plans to mark the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence?

#### **11.11 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry**

What support is the council offering to Afghan refugees?

#### **11.12 Question from Councillor Marc Francis**

Will the Lead Member for Housing state how many applications from homeless households for a review of the suitability of the temporary accommodation they have been placed in by LBTH were received in 2020/21, and how many of those were dealt with within the 56 day period stipulated in the Government's Homelessness Code of Guidance?

#### **11.13 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead**

What assessment has been made of the impact in Tower Hamlets of the Government's plans to cut Universal Credit by £20 per week?

#### **11.14 Question from Councillor M. A. Mukit**

What does the Mayor plan to do with the Liveable Streets programme in Weavers ward especially after the many concerns raised by residents at the doorstep, email and on social media?

#### **11.15 Question from Councillor Victoria Obaze**

How many families have been rehoused as part of project 120 over the last 5 years?

#### **11.16 Question from Councillor Ayas Miah**

Many eligible businesses applied for COVID restart grants but they have not received them despite meeting all eligibility criteria. Can the Cabinet Member for Resources clarify why they have not received it, and whether the council has figures on how much in total we have received from the government and how much we have paid out to businesses?

### **11.17 Question from Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan**

The LBTH domestic abuse policy has been removed from the intranet and I understand that it's not been available to staff for a number of months whilst it is being consulted on. Can the Mayor confirm when the policy will be made available and if, in the interim, the previous policy might be made available to staff?

### **11.18 Question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed**

What work is the council doing to support young people into training or employment?

### **11.19 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan**

There is a constant failure to collect refuse and recycling across the estates in Shadwell.

As a Councillor I am consistently raising members enquiries in an effort to help residents, communities and businesses with problems relating to this problem. Shadwell is a small ward that should not require much effort to keep clean. Will the Mayor ensure refuse and recycling failures do not happen in the future and that every effort is made by the Director responsible for Environment to keep our streets, roads, and estates clean and tidy?

This is a very basic council function.