


Non-Executive Report of the: Council 5 December 2016 2016	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Graham White, Interim Service Head, Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Questions Submitted by the Public	

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

SUMMARY

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 5 December 2016.
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.
4. Any question which cannot be dealt with during the twenty minutes allocated for public questions, either because of lack of time or because of non-attendance of the questioner or the Member to whom it was put, will be dealt with by way of a written answer.
5. Unless the Speaker of Council decides otherwise, no discussion will take 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

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

6.1 Question from by Nick Garland

With the Tory Government hammering the NHS, what, investment has the Council made in our local health services?

6.2 Question from Kuba Stawiski

At the last full Council in September, councillors from the Independent Group walked out of the meeting after it had barely started. Given that the councillors clocked off so early, doesn't this show utter contempt for the residents that elected them to serve?

6.3 Question from Matthew Dickinson

Please could the Council provide an estimate of the costs incurred as a result of the legal case against Councillor Shahed Ali for housing fraud?

6.4 Question from Abukor Essa

What steps is the Mayor taking to tackle the housing crisis in Tower Hamlets?

6.5 Question from Dipa Baidya

A recent study into air quality has suggested that air pollution is causing more traffic accidents. The study, covering west London, showed that as many as four extra traffic accidents a day could be triggered by a spike in dirty air levels. What is the Council doing to improve air quality in Tower Hamlets?

6.6 Question from Muhammad Sulaman Alipir

Recently I had visited a One Stop Shop in Bethnal Green and I had noticed that there are no toilet facilities for customers! At our One Stop Shop local people come including children and families for their council services. Often they have waited for an hour or more.

Could the mayor look into staffing levels and service provision to see, if any improvements can be made to the time taken to resolve enquiries and serve people especially families with young children including toilet facilities for them?

6.7 Question from Chelsea Aldridge

I am very concerned about the recently reported rise of racist and xenophobic incidents and hate crimes. I believe that we all have a duty to stand up and stamp out racism and xenophobia.

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country.

What steps will the Council take to tackle this racist, xenophobic and criminal behaviour? Will it work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia and reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community?