

**OSR 21**

**Mayoral Question Time**

- i) Immediately before four of the meetings of the Board, the Council will hold a Member Mayoral and Executive Question Time for members of Council only.
- ii) The Question Time will be chaired by the Chair of the Board or in his absence the Deputy Chair or by a member elected by the members to preside if neither is present.
- iii) The Question Time will last for no more than one hour.
- iv) A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by electronic mail to the proper officer by no later than 12 noon on the working day before the day of the meeting. Each question must give the name of the questioner. Copies of all questions will be circulated to all members and made available to the public attending the meeting by no later than one hour before the meeting.
- v) Questions will be asked in the order notice of them was received, except that the Chair of the Board may group together similar questions.
- vi) Members of Council shall be entitled to ask two questions and two supplementary questions. Questions must concern matters on the agenda of Board meeting. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.
- vii) Replies to questions will be given verbally. If a reply cannot be given at the meeting (including due to lack of time) or if written confirmation of the verbal reply is requested by the questioner, a written reply will be provided within 10 working days of the meeting.
- viii) The person presiding may rule out questions which in his opinion are defamatory, offensive or frivolous, or which require the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- ix) The person presiding shall rule out questions that are not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which directly affect the city.