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Agenda item

**Questions from Members (in accordance with  
Standing Order 21) - Authority Meeting – 24  
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## **Introduction**

In accordance with Standing Order 21, for the meeting on 24 November 2011, Questions from Members listed in the order received as set out below:

Questions received:

- (i) **Question 287** from Mr Mike Tuffrey AM (Liberal Democrat Group):

Does the Chairman agree with our view that more could be done to share our premises with colleagues in the Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance Service or local government to the benefit of all? If so, what does he propose to do to encourage it?

- (ii) **Question 288** from Councillor Terry Stacy MBE, JP (Leader, Liberal Democrat Group):

Does the Chairman take paragraph 31 of the Asset Management Plan 2011 to suggest that there are plans being considered to close fire stations in the next London Safety Plan? Has he given officers his views as to whether he would support that?

- (iii) **Question 289** from Councillor Crada Onuegbu (Labour Group):

Please inform Authority Members what matters were discussed and what the benefits were to the business of the Authority on the following occasions:

- On 21 June the Chairman and David Cartwright accepted dinner from Allan Larsen, CEO, Falck Danmark A/S.
- On 31 August the Chairman accepted lunch from Jeroen Weimar, Managing Director, SERCO plc.
- On 7 September David Cartwright accepted lunch from Richard Bond, Director of SERCO plc.

(iv) **Question 290** from Mr Murad Qureshi AM (Labour Group):

With the Chairman on record as saying all public services could be undertaken by the private sector, can he tell us whether he is planning to privatise the fire service?

(v) **Question 291** from Councillor Liaquat Ali MBE, JP (Labour Group):

Is the Chairman concerned that, taken together, his statement on the outsourcing of public services and his frequent acceptance of hospitality from companies with a commercial interest in the services provided by London fire Brigade is at best ill-advised?

(vi) **Question 292** from Councillor Navin Shah AM (Leader, Labour Group)

Can the Chairman explain why the Mayor will allow LFEPA to borrow money to fund the outsourcing of training on which Londoners will have to pay interest, yet happily take £50m from our reserves to prop up his budget? With little consideration given to the anticipated crippling reductions required to LFEPA's budget over the next three years, has the Chairman brought any of these concerns to the Mayor's attention?

(vii) **Question 293** from Councillor Colin Aherne (Labour Group)

The latest Government guidance for Standards regimes is that authorities must adopt a code of conduct consistent with the principles of public service/life and put in place arrangements for investigating complaints and allegations. Can the Chairman confirm that he will ensure and support such arrangements at LFEPA?

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## List of Appendices to this report:

None

<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985</b>	
<b>List of background documents</b>	
1. Early Publication of Authority Questions ( <a href="#">FEP 1404</a> )	
2. Authority Standing Orders	
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