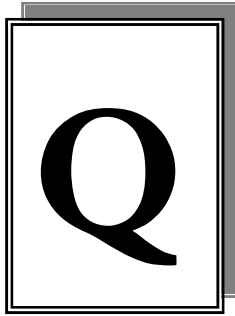


Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr M Calò

**Question**

The Council's website contains a Q&A on the Loampit Vale development.  
<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Regeneration/LewishamCentreRegeneration/RevitalisingLoampitVale/FAQs.htm>

One of the questions and answers read as follows:

*Will the pool be usable for diving?*

*The pool will be built fully in accordance with the Amateur Swimming Association's requirements and those of Sport England. Neither recommend diving. The main pool will be 2 metres at its deep end.*

This is the opening statement of the ASA website page on diving:

*"Diving is one of the five aquatic disciplines governed by the ASA and is as exhilarating to spectate as it is to take part in. From watching performance athletes winning medals at the Olympics and World Championships to seeing children in action at your local diving pool - diving captivates audiences of all ages. Whether there are aspirations to be a champion or just to have fun, diving is a safe, healthy and exciting activity."*

The following statement is from a Sports England's statement in support of Flip and Fun, the ASA initiative aimed at introducing school children to diving:

*"Sport England is working to create an active nation through sport, encouraging more people from all backgrounds to get involved in sport and active recreation. Diving is already growing in popularity and Flip n Fun is a great way to introduce even more people to the sport. Sport England supports British Swimming's work to help more people start out in swimming and Diving, stay active and achieve their potential. We hope Flip n Fun supports this drive and inspires many more young people to take up Diving."*

How can the Council say that ASA and Sports England don't recommend diving?

### **Reply**

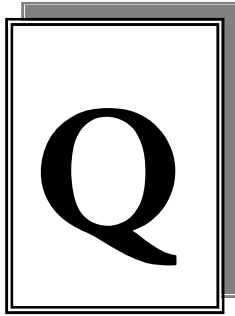
Throughout the development of the Loampit Vale Leisure Centre brief Lewisham Council was in consultation with both the ASA and Sport England in respect of the design of the centre and how Lewisham facilities could assist in delivering both their respective strategic objectives.

The ASA also felt that the Lewisham facilities would be ideal in developing the principles of diving as prescribed in the ASA's national teaching plan.

Lewisham Council were one of the first local authorities to deliver the 'Flip n Fun' programme. This programme is aimed at children aged between 5 and 11 years old and provides a fun and exciting way to experience the fundamentals of diving. 'Flip n Fun' and recreational diving must have a minimum depth of 1.8 metres. The main pool at the Loampit Vale site will be 2 metres deep and the learner pool will have a moveable floor that will allow a 1.8 metre depth throughout the length of the pool.

In terms of performance and competitive diving facilities the ASA's strategy suggests that each quadrant in London will have one centre to deliver competitive training. The south of London is served by Crystal Palace (15 mins from Lewisham) and the east will be served by the Olympic pool in Stratford (15 mins from Lewisham).

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mrs P Richardson

**Question**

The Public Library Service standards will be replaced by a “national indicator” (NI 9) of public library quality after this year. What are the statistics to show how the Lewisham Library and Information Service scored under PLSs in the year 2007/08?

What plans has the Library service to choose from the mandatory indicators (in collaboration with local residents?) to put in its local area agreement for special attention?

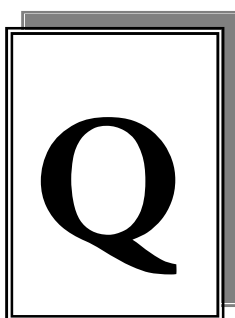
**Reply**

The PLSSs performance is part of the CIPFA return which is submitted in the summer each year. This information is not yet available for 2007/8

The Local Strategic Partnership has identified the 35 indicators that will be delivered as part of the Local Area Agreement. These do not include the Library indicator- NI9 Use of Public Libraries which is to be measured through an annual survey of residents.

However it has been selected as a local indicator and will form part of the Library Service Performance framework for 2008/09

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mrs P Richardson

**Question**

What is the budget to fund the Schools Library service? How much funds the Primary school service, for how many schools? How much funds the Secondary school service, for how many schools?

**Reply**

Lewisham Library & Information Service does not have a Schools Library Service.

Lewisham Library and Information Service works closely with primary schools in Lewisham. In 2006-07 the 12 libraries in Lewisham had contact with 61(/70) primary schools, either classes visiting libraries and borrowing books or library staff visiting schools to support their own libraries with advice and resources. Lewisham Library Service also supported all the secondary schools with visits to schools, a Young Cultural Creators project and support with the Lewisham Book Award.

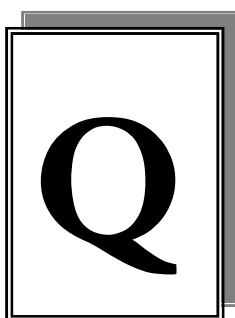
In 2008, schools and public libraries are working very productively on the National Year of Reading with many events planned and concrete achievements happening, such as the growth in young people joining Lewisham Libraries.

The library service supports schools in their provision of books and engaging children and young people in reading and developing as readers.

The amount of spend per annum, which does not include the costs of books, is £72,951.75.

Schools also use their own funds to ensure access to library resources within their schools.

## Question



Time

### PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 4

#### LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

#### COUNCIL MEETING

21 MAY 2008

Question asked by: Ms T Adams

#### Question

What are the running costs of the Downham Leisure complex and how much is involved in resourcing the PFI?

How much of this comes from the budget of the Library and Information Service?

#### Reply

The annual amount paid to the Downham Lifestyles Centre contractor (Linteum) is £1.8m. This amount covers the running and capital costs of the centre over the life of the contract.

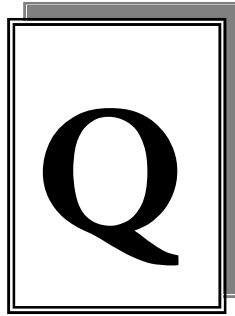
This £1.8m is funded from mainstream revenue budget of £482,117 (held within Sport & Leisure) with the remainder being funded from PFI Grant and The Primary Care Trust.

The above £1.8m does not include the staffing and resourcing of the library book stock within the centre which are paid from the Library Services budget. These amount to:

Stock fund *	£54,900
Staffing (Library) *	£152,800
Staffing (Youth IT Space) *	£86,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>£294,600</b>

\* estimates

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 5**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Ms G Winson

**Question**

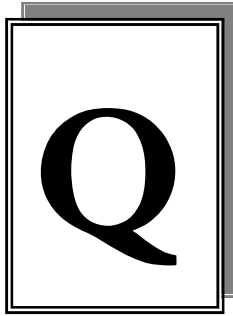
What percentage of Lewisham households contain one or more members aged over 60? What percentage of CEL students are women aged over 60?

**Reply**

The 2001 census recorded 22,989 residents aged 60-74 and 12,231 residents aged 75 or over, comprising 9.2% and 4.9% of Lewisham's population respectively.

Women represent 78.38% of the total number of CEL students. 17.12% of CEL students are women aged over 60.

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 6**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

**Question**

How much did Lewisham council spend on publicity in the last financial year.

**Reply**

The spend for the Communications Unit and its related costs centres in 2007-8 was £1,588,379. This sum includes all corporately funded customer information, most statutory publications, online information and consultation and most service marketing costs.

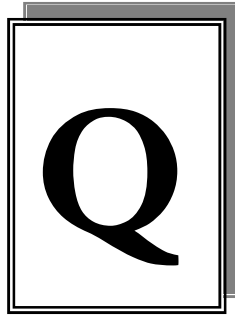
Since 2005 an estimated £600,000 has been cut from marketing costs across the authority. At the same time public satisfaction has risen with the information provided by the Council. This is a clear demonstration of our commitment to ensure value for money for the council tax payer.

We have statutory obligations to provide information to residents, clients and other stakeholders in a number of areas. As an authority we want to:

- involve citizens, consumers and other stakeholders in making decisions.
- inform citizens about the decisions made by their representatives so that they can be held to account.

- inform potential service users about the services that they can access.
- improve quality of life, for example by addressing fear of crime.
- support community cohesion.

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 7**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

**Question**

How many Lewisham council employees earn over £50,000 and could you please supply a list of these employees with their full job description and salaries?

**Reply**

The council employs 310 people earning over £50,000 - 216 of whom earn between £50,000 and £65,000.

The Council does not normally publish personal remuneration details. However, a breakdown by profession is provided below.

**Profession**

**Teachers**

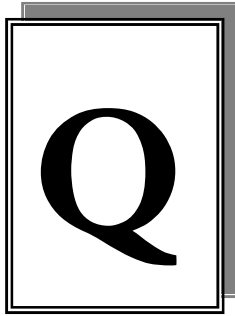
Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	161
Earning range above £65,000	61

**Senior Managers**

Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	-
Earning range above £65,000	31
<b>Educational Professionals</b>	
Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	18
Earning range above £65,000	2
<b>Professional/Technical</b>	
Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	17
Earning range above £65,000	-
<b>Social Care Professionals</b>	
Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	12
Earning range above £65,000	-
<b>Other</b>	
Earning range £50,000 - £65,000	8
Earning range above £65,000	-

These senior employees manage a total of 8136 staff across all council services. The council monitors the numbers and pay of employees at all levels and the remuneration for these senior positions fall well within the average for London.

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 8**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

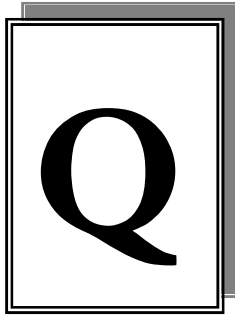
**Question**

How much did Lewisham Council spend on consultancy firms in the last financial year?

**Reply**

The total expenditure on consultancy firms for the financial year 2007/08 was £5.1m.

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 9**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

**Question**

Does Lewisham council donate or subscribe to any political, or charitable organisation, and if the answer is yes please list all donations or subscriptions for the last financial year?

**Reply**

Voluntary and charitable organisations are funded by Lewisham through structured grants programmes or are commissioned to provide specific services. These processes include submission of applications/tender documents and are assessed within set frameworks. There is ongoing monitoring of these grants to ensure value for money. Attached as an appendix is a list of the organisations funded through the main grants programme.

As part of the eligibility criteria for receiving grant funding, the Council do not fund “activities that promote the views of a political party”.

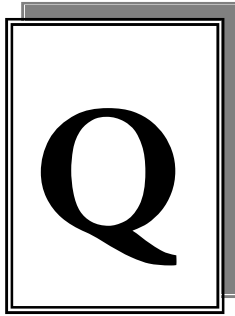
From time to time, the Council makes one-off donations to charitable organisations in response to challenging circumstances, eg the Tsunami appeal. Such donations are made on behalf of the community, and in some instances the level of the donation is matched to the sum donated by the local community.

Group/Organisation funded through main grants 2008/09

(Adventurous) Gems Youth Project  
170 Community Project  
1st Forest Hill Scout Group  
2000 Community Action Centre  
2nd Deptford Air Scout Group  
5 Steps Community Nursery  
Ackroyd Children and Family  
Ackroyd Community Association  
Acorn Children's Club  
Age Concern  
Age Exchange Theatre Trust  
Artefacts Edutainment  
Bunbury Childminders Project  
Carers Lewisham  
Contact a Family Lewisham  
Crossroads Greenwich & Lewisham Ltd  
Deptford Action Group for the Elderly  
Deptford Churches Centre  
Deptford Methodist Mission  
Downham (Wesley Halls) Community Association  
Entelachy Arts Limited  
Evelyn 190 Centre  
Forest Hill & Sydenham Voluntary Service Association  
Ltd  
Forest Hill Methodist Church  
Forest Hill Youth Project/Platform 1  
Goldsmiths Community Association  
Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre  
Groundwork South East London  
Grove Park Community Group  
Heart n Soul  
Hither Green Methodist Church  
Honor Oak Community Centre Association  
Indo-Chinese Association  
Indo-Chinese Supplementary School  
Irie! Dance Theatre  
LDC  
Lewisham Action on Mediation Project  
Lewisham Bereavement Counselling Service  
Lewisham Churches Care  
Lewisham Citizens Advice Bureaux Service Ltd  
Lewisham Community Transport Scheme  
Lewisham Disability Coalition  
Lewisham Ethnic Minority Partnership (LEMP)  
Lewisham Irish Community Centre  
Lewisham Law Centre Ltd  
Lewisham Mencap  
Lewisham Opportunity Pre - School  
Lewisham Pensioners Forum  
Lewisham Playbus  
Lewisham Refugee Network  
Lewisham Shopmobility Scheme

Lewisham Speaking Up  
Lewisham Speaking Up - 1-2-1  
Lewisham Toy Library  
Lewisham Way Youth & Community Centre  
Lewisham Young Women's Resource Project  
Lewisham Youth Theatre  
Limelight Family Learning Centre  
Make Believe Arts  
Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust  
Marvels Lane Boys Club  
Mencap  
Mencap Pathway Lewisham  
Millwall Community Scheme  
Noah's Ark Children's Venture  
Pepys Community Forum  
Playhouse Community Nursery  
Pre School Learning Alliance - Lewisham Branch  
Race Equality Action for Lewisham  
Ravensbourne Project  
Refuge  
Rockbourne Youth Club (RYC)  
Samaritans - Lewisham Southwark & Greenwich  
SE London Bangladesh Women's Association  
Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts  
Seniors (Central Resource Lewisham)  
Seniors (Central Resource Lewisham)  
Somerville Adventure Playground  
St Andrews Centre  
Tamil Academy of Language & Arts  
The 999 Club Trust  
The Albany Deptford Fund  
The Cassel Centre  
The Grove Centre  
The Midi Music Company  
Turkish Community Project  
Turning Point Education Training Consultancy  
Victim Support Lewisham  
Voluntary Action Lewisham (VAL)  
Volunteering Lewisham  
Wesley Hall Youth Committee  
Young Lewisham Project  
Youth Aid Lewisham

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 10**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

**Question**

Could you please update the following members of staff's remuneration. The figures I have listed are for the year 2006-2007:

- A) Barry Quirk: Chief Executive £193,173; Includes returning officer payment of £9,085 and car mileage of £835.73.
- B) Janet Senior: Executive Director for Resources £124,410.
- C) Aileen Buckton: Executive Director for Community Services £121,908.
- D) Lesley Seary: Executive Director for Customer Services £129,414.
- E) Kath Nicholson: Head of Law - £100,119.
- F) Alistair Pettigrew: Director of Children's Social Care £100,119.

**Reply**

In accordance with Council policy, the salaries for the above chief officers have increased as appropriate in line with their designated salary scale and/or the pay award agreed by the relevant national negotiating body for 2007.

For the year 2007/2008 the remuneration for the above staff was as follows

- A) Barry Quirk: Chief Executive £188,337.84; Includes car mileage of £549.84
- B) Janet Senior: Executive Director for Resources £130,053.
- C) Aileen Buckton: Executive Director for Community Services £127,488.
- D) Lesley Seary: Executive Director for Customer Services £132,618.
- E) Kath Nicholson: Head of Law - £102,597.
- F) Alistair Pettigrew: Director of Children's Social Care £102,597.

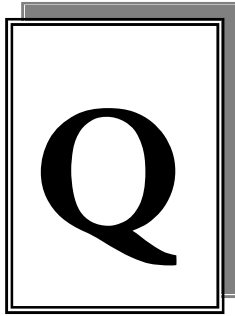
For your information the following staff also earn in excess of £100,000:

Frankie Sulke – Executive Director for Children and Young People - £132,618

Steve Gough – Director of Programme Management & Property - £102,597

In many of the professional roles the council is in competition with both public and private sector salaries. The Council's senior pay levels are at the median for London boroughs.

Question



Time

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 11**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2008**

Question asked by: Mr G Ambrose

**Question**

With regard to the new Controlled Parking Zone in Manor Park, Chalcroft Road, and Thornwood Road, what provision has been made for visitors, delivery vans, tradespersons, doctors and nurses to visit or to carry on with their normal duties.

**Reply**

The provisions for those services that are stated apply to any Lewisham CPZ in a mainly residential area, namely:

- For residents visitors, visitor permits are available in a scratch card form to use as and when required. Cost £1.00 for five hours, £2.00 for a day and £5.00 for 7 consecutive days (the £5 permits are limited to 12 per household per year).
- Delivery vehicles can stop in any bay and make deliveries for up to 20 minutes. However they must be seen to be actively delivering as a closed and left vehicle will be assumed to be parked.
- Trades persons can use visitor permits or just load/unload and move their vehicles out of the zone.

- Doctors/Health Visitors attending to people within the zone will normally display a Health Permit administered via the health authority. This is accepted by our enforcement officers and a penalty charge notice will not be issued.
- Housebound residents who live alone and rely on constant help and care may be eligible for a resident 'carer' permit to enable them to receive regular visits from family, friends or professional carers without the worry of their visitors not being able to park. Eligibility for this permit requires a letter from the residents' doctor confirming their needs to receive regular help, whilst living independently in their home. The permit is not vehicle specific, is issued to the resident who in turn may pass to their carer when visiting. The permit allows the carer to park nearby in the same manner as a resident. In order to stop misuse of these permits, they would only allow half a days parking, maximum 5 hours, for any specific vehicle on any particular day. The charge for a carer permit is the same as a resident permit.