

Authority	Public questions	Public comments	Petitions	Notes / Other Arrangements
Brent – Executive	Council – 15 minutes public question time. 1 question per resident. Cabinet and Committees – at the discretion of the chair and for 2 minutes. If more than one request to speak on the same item, chair determines order and has discretion to limit the number of speakers.	No public comments	More than 50 go to committee. More than 200 go to Full Council.	Deputations are permitted at Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny and other committee meetings.
Hammersmith and Fulham – Executive	Council – up to 20 minutes, oral responses only. Answers can be declined if excessive or require too much time to produce. Cabinet and Committees – no questions.	No public comments	Standard petition rules: 5,000 – Full Council 2,000 – Policy & Accountability Committee 250 – Cabinet 100 – Cabinet Member	Deputations allowed at Cabinet and the Policy Accountability Committee
Westminster – Executive	Council – no questions Cabinet – no questions Scrutiny Committees – may invite residents or others to give evidence Other Committees – no questions	None	Under 500 – relevant head of service decides course of action Over 500 – reported to Cabinet	Residents can request that a deputation on an issue on the agenda for a meeting (Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny and other committees). Whether it is accepted is a matter for the council
Hackney – Mayor and Cabinet	Council – up to 30 minutes for public questions. 1 question per resident. 50-word limit. Cabinet – up to 15 minutes for questions. No question limit indicated.	None	Approach dependent on issue raised.	Deputations are permitted at Full Council if there is an associated item on the agenda. No more than 2 deputations per council meeting. If there is no associated item, the deputation may be referred to the Mayor, Executive or a committee.
Harrow - Executive System	Council – 15 minutes. 1 question per resident. 1 supplementary question. Cabinet and Committees – questions must be relevant to terms of reference. 15 minutes. 1 question per resident. 1 supplementary question.	None	Less than 2,000 – if requested action taken, then closed. If not, may be referred to a committee, or could be dealt with by corporate director or portfolio holder. More than 2,000 – reported to Council.	Committees can receive deputations. Up to 4 people can address committees. Representation must not exceed 10 minutes. Will be heard immediately before the relevant agenda item. No more than 2 per meeting. No repeat issues within 6 months.

LB Islington – Executive	Executive: Yes Council: 1 question per resident Scrutiny Committees: Have discretion to invite public to speak	None.	Less than 1,000 – reported to relevant meeting 1,000-2,000 – meet with leader or executive member to discuss issue. Over 2,000 – debate at Full Council	Have a system for deputations
Lambeth – Executive system	Residents may ask a question. Members and officers will either refer the question to an officer for response or refer to a committee <i>Note: there are no questions to the Executive</i>	No public comments.	Below 1,500– the council has discretion how to respond Over 1,500 – officer called to account at an O&S committee Over 3,000 – Full Council	Deputations allowed. Need 20 people supporters. Restricted to two per meeting. 3 minutes allowed for speaker.
Sutton – Committee System	Council: 30 minutes for public questions at Full Council. Maximum 2 questions per resident. Local Committees: No more than 2 questions per resident. Written responses.	No public comments	Over 50 – reported to relevant committee Over 1,500 – Full Council	Deputations require 10 supporters. Must be regarding a matter already on a committee’s agenda.
Kingston – Committee / O&S hybrid	No public questions.	No comments.	Petitions are presented at Full Council. No signature limits indicated. Over 500 people can submit a motion for debate to Council.	Area based committees can receive deputations
Ealing – Cabinet System	Questions at Council meeting only. One question per resident per meeting. Max 5 questions in total	None	Less than 500 – present to relevant Member at Council, no debate More than 500 – debate at O&S committee More than 1,500 – debate at Council	
Kensington & Chelsea – Executive System	Council – 1 hour for public speaking. Advance notice of speech subject matter required. Response from executive member and opposition lead Cabinet and Committee – no questions	Public speaking allowed at Council. No comments at other meetings.	Less than 750 – officer response More than 750 – reported to scrutiny committee More than 1,500 – debate at Council	

	Scrutiny – may invite witnesses			
Wandsworth – Executive System	No questions	No comments	Less than 10,000 – depends on subject and number of signatories More than 10,000 – Full Council debate.	Have a system of deputations. Submit to the Chief Executive in the first instance. Triggers a meeting with a Cabinet Member. If not satisfied, deputation reported to relevant committee.
Lambeth – Executive System	Council – no questions Cabinet – no questions Other committees – questions submitted will be reviewed by officers and referred to the relevant committee. No limit stipulated.	No comments	Less than 1,500 – depends on subject and number of signatories More than 1,500 – scrutiny committee More than 3,000 – Full Council debate	N/A
Southwark – Executive System	Council: 1 question per resident. 50 word limit. Committees – no questions. Allow deputations Cabinet – 15 minutes. 50 word limit. Verbal responses.	No comments	More than 250 – community councils More than 500 – scrutiny committee or Cabinet More than 1,500 – Full Council	Have a system of deputations. Up to 6 people can sign
Camden – Executive System	Council – no questions Cabinet – no questions Other Committees – no questions	No comments	Less than 500 – reported to Council but not debated More than 500 – for a local issue, will be reported and debated at Council and may be referred to a committee More than 500 for local issue or 4,000 for borough-wide issue – call to hold an officer to account at a scrutiny committee More than 8,000 – debate at Full Council	Deputations allowed at Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees
Enfield – Executive System	Council – no questions Cabinet – no questions Scrutiny – have discretion to invite	No comments	Up to 1,562 – council will direct as appropriate Over 1,562 – officer call to account	Deputations sponsored by a named councillor can be reported to Cabinet

	witnesses Other Committees – no questions		at scrutiny committee Over 3,124 – debate at Full Council	
Corydon – Executive System	Council – 30 minutes public question time Cabinet – no questions Scrutiny – have discretion to invite witnesses Committees – no questions	No comments	Less than 5,000 – procedure is unclear More than 5,000 – call an officer to account More than 10,000 – debate at Full Council	N/A

Worcester City Council – Committee System	At committees the public may: (i) present a petition (ii) ask a question (iii) make a comment	See questions column	See questions column	Total time 15 minutes. Oral responses only.
Nottinghamshire County Council - Committee System	Scrutiny committees have discretion to invite residents to address them. No other provisions exist.	See questions column	Petitions submitted to relevant Ward Member who presents to Council on behalf of residents	N/A
Brighton & Hove Committee System	Questions at Full Council. 1 per resident, submitted in advance. Responded to at the meeting. One supplementary question.	No public comments	Less than 1,250 – noted at Council and reported to next available relevant committee. More than 1,250 – debate at Full Council	Deputations must have between 5 – 12 supporters. Presented to relevant committee or Full Council.
Basildon – Committee System	Questions at Full Council. Maximum 2 per resident	No public comments	Up to 1,000 – referred to relevant committee chair and chief officer who decide action More than 1,000 – reported to service committee Over 5,000 – Full Council	
Lincolnshire – Cabinet Model	None	None	Council has discretion to either: - Refer to service area and the executive member for	Overview and Scrutiny Committees can invite residents, stakeholders, etc. to give evidence at meetings.

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Newcastle – Cabinet model	<p>15 minutes for public questions at Full Council.</p> <p>For committee meetings, the public may speak at the discretion of the Chair.</p>	None	<p>Less than 2,500 signatures – reported to Full Council, no debate</p> <p>More than 2,500 signatures – reported to Full Council, with debate</p>	N/A
South Gloucestershire - Executive System	<p>Council – questions can be asked of political group leaders.</p> <p>Committees – a person can ask a question of committee chair or lead member.</p>	Statements of up to 5 minutes are allowed	<p>Under 2,500 – reported to relevant committee, time to present is at the chairs discretion</p> <p>Over 2,500 signatures petitions are reported to Full Council.</p>	<i>The chair has discretion on the total time allowed for public participation.</i>
Derbyshire Dales District Council – Committee System	<p>Council – the public may make a statement, submit a petition or ask questions of the Leader of Chairmen of Committees.</p> <p>Committees – the public can ask up to 3 questions or make 1 statement.</p>	See narrative on statements.	Petitions with more than 10 signatures reported to Council	Oral responses only