

TOURISM, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES & CULTURE COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 2

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2021

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following additional written question has been received:

3) Ms A Ceesay – Domestic Abuse Funding

I've read the Domestic Abuse Report before this Committee, and the spending proposals. My understanding is that £241,000 has been used from the £606k MHCLG money to fund Brighton & Hove Refuge, thus freeing up £241,000 from the money allocated to the Domestic Abuse Service contract.

If this is correct, will this money be ringfenced for domestic abuse services in Brighton & Hove, and how and when will this £241,000 be spent?

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

LIBRARIES STRATEGY 2022-25

That deletions are made as shown in strikethrough and additions made as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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- c) ***A review of all charges to under 18s with a view to ending these wherever possible***
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Proposed by: Cllr Childs

Seconded by: Cllr

Recommendations to read, if carried:

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