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Brighton & Hove City Council

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

(a) Councillor Elgood

"What action does the Cabinet Member for Environment intend to take in light of European Commissioner Loizos Loizou's findings that the process for the joint Brighton and Hove / East Sussex County Council contract for waste incineration was not undertaken correctly?"

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(b) Councillor Allen

"Is the Administration committed to the continuation of the mobile library service?"

Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism

(c) Councillor Allen

"Can the Cabinet Member for Culture confirm that income from sales from the Jubilee Library shop covers all the costs (e.g. staffing, heating, maintenance) of running the Jubilee Street library shop? If not, what level of subsidy from the library budget is required?"

Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism

(d) Councillor Duncan

"Can the Cabinet Member for Children's Services tell us what steps were taken to ensure that the financial collapse of St Mary's Hall School in Eastern Road had no negative impact on the education of the city's children, both pupils at the school and those of other schools which they will attend from next year?"

Reply from Councillor Mrs Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People

(e) Councillor Duncan

"Residents of Rochester Street have reported than an ambulance was unable to access their street last month to administer emergency healthcare to an elderly man who had collapsed following an aortic aneurism.

The man was reportedly told that the street was inaccessible to emergency vehicles because of the haphazard and unmanaged nature of parking in the Baker's Bottom area: does the cabinet member for Environmental Services have any plans to speed up the proposed review of parking arrangements in the area?"

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(f) Councillor Duncan

"Following the alleged assault of a Brighton woman at a vigil to mark the death of newspaper vendor Ian Tomlinson on April 2nd, does the Cabinet Member for Community Safety have any concerns about the way lawful protests attended by residents of Brighton and Hove are policed?"

Reply from Councillor Simson, Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion and Internal Relations

(g) Councillor Mitchell

"Could the Cabinet Member for Central services please clarify whether it is the council's policy for their partnering contractors, Mears and Keir, to repair back pathways as well as front?"

Reply from Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing

(h) Councillor Turton

"Could the Cabinet member for Central Services please tell us what levels of quality assurance are the Council's contractors, Mears and Keir, measured against?"

Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council

(i) Councillor Lepper

"Could the Cabinet Member for adult social care and housing, please tell us how far planning with the PCT has got, with regards to the funding being made available by the government for additional breaks for carers, which is estimated at £821,000 over the next two years?"

Reply from Councillor Ken Norman, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health

(j) Councillor Harmer-Strange

"Could the Cabinet Member for Finance state the current level of Brighton & Hove City Council's debt?"

Reply from Councillor Young, Cabinet Member for Finance