

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

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

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

1. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree

“Would Councillor Robins please tell us how much the British and Irish Modern Music Institute pays per year to rent a room which was a cherished public part of the Hove Carnegie Library’s Reference section, and how many years this contract lasts?”

Councillor Robins, Chair of the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter

“Is it appropriate for council officers to have sole authority to entirely replace expert Parks & Gardens staff with ‘Pay Back’ teams carrying out their community service in caring for precious landscaping on council-owned land? Apart from lawn-mowing?”

Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Julia Davis

“There has been a sharp rise in the number of events taking place on The Level during weekends from May to October, resulting in a significant increase in drug and alcohol usage. The Oktoberfest has had the biggest impact accommodating 3500 people, playing live music at pop concert sound levels, and causing significant damage to lawns.

What impact assessment on the local residents is the council undertaking to a) bring down the number of events, b) control use of amplified music levels, and c) ensure events such as The Oktoberfest are hosted in appropriate venue locations such as the Amex?”

Councillor Robins, Chair of the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee will reply

