

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions listed on page 21 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers from Councillor Robins, the Chair of the Committee listed below.

The Chair will give an opportunity for the Councillor who submitted a question to ask one supplementary question.

**(a) Councillor Nemeth - Marlborough House**

“Will the Chairman provide the latest figures for open and pending planning enforcement cases for (a) November and (b) December?”

**Reply:**

	<b>Open Cases</b>	<b>Unallocated Cases</b>
November 2017	790 cases	379 cases
December 2017	776 cases	388 cases

“The table above sets out the number of open and pending planning enforcement cases for November and December. To provide some context to these figures - the number of open cases stood at 807 in April 2017 and has since gone down to 776.

The number of unallocated cases is at 388 which remains higher than the Team would have liked. You can be assured, however, that a number of measures are being introduced in the next 6 months to address this.

In March the Enforcement Team will be reviewing and streamlining business processes which will improve the efficiency of the service. The Team is also preparing new Enforcement Policy, which is expected to be presented to TDC Committee in June following consultation with councillors. This will identify priorities for the Service. The additional Planning Officer in the Enforcement Team, in the last year, has contributed to supporting enforcement work on HMOs and improving the number of cases closed over the year.”

**(b) Councillor Mears – The “Big Screen”**

“Will the Chairman confirm that the agreed amended actions concerning the “Big Screen” from the last meeting of this committee have been actioned, and what progress has been made to date?”

**Reply:**

“Following approval at the last committee the Licence Particulars for the operation of a Screen on the Beach were advertised with a closing date of 5pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018. The applications will now be evaluated and a briefing will be arranged with the lead councillors of each party on this committee upon the completion of the evaluation process.”

