

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: Diane Montgomery

“Can the council tell us the number of private rented properties in Brighton & Hove at Local Housing Allowance for this current year for the following?

One bedroom and bedsits

Two Bedroom

Three bedroom

Four Bedroom

Please include new private developments where an allocation of so called Affordable rents are charged.

The National Planning Policy Framework states that Affordable rent can be up to 80% of the local market rent which allows for rents between 60 % and 80%”

Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree

“Would Councillor Daniel please tell us why, at the public meeting in Hove’s Carnegie Library on June 1st, there was no answer to the fundamental question of how much it costs each year to run this purportedly ‘expensive’ Library?”

Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness

“Now that the hoped for grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the Madeira Arches has fallen through, Councillor Yates, can you please enlighten us with the details of your administration's "Plan B"?”

Councillor Yates, Leader of the Council will reply.

4. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter

“I thought we would have had the King Alfred redevelopment before PRG and Council before councillors' summer break. In lieu of that may I ask you please for a quick update today to give us an idea of what the hold-up is about?”

Councillor Yates, Leader of the Council will reply.

5. QUESTION From: Mr. Shepherd

“Despite previous promises of an improvement plan for the planning process of Brighton and Hove – which by any standards are poor – we have yet another proposal to improve the failing service. I seek assurances that the proposals of refusing to answer the phone to residents and developers, who are the lifeblood of the city, that this proposal will result in a guaranteed improvement to the service. The Administration’s unilateral decisions in the past have all failed.”

Councillor Cattell, Chair of the Planning Committee will reply.