

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 Committee.

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 3 written questions have been received from members of the public.

1. QUESTION From: David Spafford

71/73 Grand Parade, is freehold HRA property, leased on a full Repairing lease to Optivo Housing Association, is grade two listed.

The lease with Optivo has under a year left to run.

The property is divided up in to several homes some on short leases and others on 30day notice tenancies on Social rents.

Are there plans to have the building surveyed and a notice of dilapidations served on the freeholder or are the cost of bringing the property up to standard, Better Homes, BHCC standards, Grade Two, to fall on the council tenants though the housing revenue amount

Chair will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Barry Hughes

On Sylvan Hall Estate four blocks have recently been refurbished including new roofs. These blocks were well built post war and all could have had an extra floor built on top, I understand that Government thinking would allow this without recourse to planning, resulting in additional units for the HRA. An extra floor on each of these blocks would have produced 9 one-bedroom flats and 6 two-bedroom flats.

I hear this is an idea under discussion but is it not a policy that should be implemented at Sylvan Hall, Stage 2 and citywide now?

Chair will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter

How many of the 57 flats at Clarendon House on the Clarendon & Ellen Estate have been either transferred to Seaside Homes or have been leased back from leaseholders & used for temporary/short-term housing, please?

Chair will reply.