

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 question has been received from a member of the public.

1. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness

Councillor Platts, our current Mayor, Councillor Alex Phillips, also holds office as a Member of the European Parliament and is now proposing to stand as a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Brighton Kemp Town. As these latter two categories involve publicly participating in politics, is this a conflict of interest?

Councillor Platts, Leader of the Council will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree

Would Councillor Robins please tell us when the use of the £121,000 per year (which was brought back to Libraries at February's Budget) will be discussed at a Committee, as promised by Councillor Knight in her Reply to my supplementary question several months ago?

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

3. QUESTION From: Ollie Sykes

February Budget Council allocated £190k in recurrent funding to the rebuilding of the council's Sustainability Team to help the council better address climate and wildlife emergencies as these concern our city, as well as other matters such as fuel poverty in our city. Can the Chair of ETS please provide an update on the implementation of that agreed allocation?

Councillor Pissaridou, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

4. QUESTION From: Daniel Harris

The Valley Social Club has been a staple of the Whitehawk community for generations, starting as a shack and with the help of the local community who helped to fundraise we have the large community building which is standing today. In 2015 over 10 trustees resigned, leaving two and Conservative Councillor Mary Mears left. The building has been inaccessible to the local community. I support the council buying this asset. Can the council confirm the completion date and price paid for the Valley Social Club?

Councillor Platts, Leader of the Council will reply.

5. QUESTION From: Irina Blossie

EMF safety limit guidelines were set by The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) in 1998. However, because many health effects from radiation below the guidelines' levels were confirmed by scientists and doctors, many countries including France, Cyprus and Russia chose to significantly reduce these limits, especially in places where children were present: schools, playgrounds etc. Children and pregnant women are the most vulnerable. Shouldn't we be taking extreme care when proposing to increase the radiation levels even further with 5G and adopt a Precautionary Principle instead?

Councillor Moonan, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board will reply.