

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT - WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following written question has been submitted:

1. What plans are there, if any, to use funds from the Preston Park reserve in the next year and, if there are any, by how much will they deplete the reserve?

Councillor Hugh-Jones

2. What provision is there in the budget currently for energy efficiency measures in relation to existing housing stock?

Councillor Hugh-Jones

3. How much interest is currently payable to BHCC on lending to other local authorities on loans for 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months?

Councillor Gibson

4. What is the estimated annual difference in cost to the council between a 1 bed buy back property used as temporary accommodation (and let at LHA rents) and an average 1 bed property leased from a private landlord and an average 1 bed unit of short term temporary accommodation?

Councillor Gibson

5. What was the annual income obtained by the council in 2018/19 for each of 2nd, 3rd and 4th car permits in CPZ?

Councillor Gibson

6. Can you breakdown the numbers of vehicles in CPZs issued with low emission permits and higher emission permits and provide the total income for each of low emission and high emission permits to date?

Councillor Gibson

7. How much rent has BHCC collected (expressed as a % of rent due) to date in 2019/20? (and if this collection rate continues for the rest of the year how much will BHCC be required to pay seaside homes under the rent guarantee agreement?)

Councillor Gibson

8. Can a table be provided for each of the years 2011 to 2019 inclusive setting out:
 - a) The pay ratio between the highest paid council officer to the lowest paid for BHCC
 - b) Indicating the number of employers in the city signed up to the Brighton Living wage on a voluntary basis each year

Councillor Gibson

9. Can you provide a detailed breakdown on how much of the £129K additional funding for the sustainability team (agreed at budget council in February 2019) for the staff and resources has been spent to date, giving indication of what additional activity any staff and resources provided by the money has enabled to take place?

Councillor Gibson

10. For the answer provided on 24th October full council to the question on actual borrowing in new homes for neighbourhoods modelling in which an average actual borrowing rate of 2.17% was applied to the models can you clarify if this average rate was applied to the modelled borrowing amounts at the time of scheme approval or to the actual quantity of borrowing that was undertaken in practice?

Councillor Gibson

11. What is our officers' understanding of percentage spend on section 117 between that for BHCC and other comparable authorities; what is our officers' understanding of percentage spend on hospital discharge costs compared to other comparator authorities. If neither of these are available, what is the projected percentage increase in spend in the next year?

Councillor Mac Cafferty

12. With regard to adopted Green Group amendments for budget council in February, can we have detail on the implementation of the agreed £0.033m to create a recurring Community Clean-up Fund – to be used for anti-graffiti and other community clean up work?

Councillor Mac Cafferty

13. Further to an oral question at P&R in the summer, I received some information about waste PFI one off resources being used to inflate the base budget. Are they being used elsewhere?

Councillor Mac Cafferty

14. I asked about the insurance fund in the summer. A full list of what the insurance fund covered wasn't available can I have the list of what is covered.

Councillor Mac Cafferty

15. In July's P&R I raised concerns about carry overs, specifically that sums could be carried over for a number of years with the rationale for spending changing dramatically over time. Although I was given some information that BHCC does indeed have a 'Carry Forward' figure which is part of the TBM provisional outturn report, in terms of good financial housekeeping I would be interested in more detail on the totals especially for very large amounts and what budget lines those relate to.

Councillor Mac Cafferty

