

1. Question from Barry Hughes

There is a consensus amongst parties (councillors, activists and agencies) that it is desirable to have a drop-in hub where the homeless and those at risk of street sleeping could call in without referral. This hub would be a secure and immediate source of comfort and support. We believe the Pavilion Place is a suitable council-owned venue, has this been investigated.

2. Question from Charles Harrison

At Housing Committee on 15th January 2020 I asked for data indicating the costs of operating night shelters and was given a total cost for 2018 / 19 of £150,160 and was told that a “full breakdown of 2018 / 19 costs” would be circulated.

With regard to my supplementary regard the lack of properties for short-term accommodation I was told, “the Council will collate a response and write to the enquirer.”

I have not seen any written response to my question or supplementary and should be grateful for an indication as to when this response might be expected.

3. Question from John Hadman

What are the Council's plans to make sure that the probable Covid19 epidemic does not interrupt SWEP and other services critical to the health and wellbeing of rough sleepers and the homeless?

4. Question from David Thomas

Currently council residents have a range of methods of calling in a repair – telephone, email or web form. For many the favoured method is email and tenants were assured that the current email address (containing a Mears suffix) would be changed to a council email address. We have now been advised that a decision has been made to remove this option and we would request that this decision is reversed and that the email reporting of repairs remains after 1st April.

5. Question from Caroline Dooley

The Welsh School of Architecture have designed a standard 3-bedroomed house which produces more energy than it consumes. It cost £125,000 to build and every £100 spent on electricity will be balanced by £175 in energy exported back to the national grid over the course of a year. Professor Jones of the Welsh school of Architecture says "Our intention is to demonstrate that you can build this sort of house at a cost comparable to standard house construction and using off the shelf technology.

"And there's no reason why we can't build every building like this. It is important we do this at a price that people, local authorities and house builders can afford."

Is Brighton and Hove planning to build houses and buildings like this, if not why not, and are we stipulating to contractors and Housing Associations that new structures be built to high environmental standards like this considering the urgency that we need to lower our carbon emissions?

6. Question from David Croydon

"The council has recently used the i360 for the Housing Chief Executive officer interview sessions. This included food and other hospitality. How much was paid to the i360?"