

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by Members.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from Members:

(1) Councillor Druitt

Of all the payments due from the i360 to BHCC how many (and what values) have been paid?

- a. in full
- b. in part
- c. not at all?

(2) Councillor Druitt

On 18 July 2019 this committee agreed “to inform the Board that any future deferral requests made after December 31st, 2019 should at a minimum ensure that any interest payments required by the Public Works Loan Board are borne by i360.” Was this communicated to the Board and why was it disregarded in the recent request for a deferral?

(3) Councillor Druitt

At this committee’s December 2019 meeting, Cllr Clare asked (para 83.4, p22 of the Minutes) whether councillors could have sight of the i360’s marketing strategy. Was this strategy subsequently circulated?

(4) Councillor Druitt

The i360 Member Working Group Terms of Reference states that “the June meeting will agree the Business Plan for the next year”; why was the Business Plan not presented for agreement at the last Member Working Group?

(5) Councillor Druitt

In relation to the council’s small business Discretionary Fund what were the total numbers of businesses in each eligibility category:

- a. in total?
- b. who were successful?
- c. who were unsuccessful?

(6) Councillor Druitt

How much money has been given to businesses in each category? (I appreciate that many businesses ticked a number of different boxes so the totals of each category will be in excess of the total sum allocated).

(7) Councillor Druitt

In relation to those businesses unsuccessful in the first round of the Discretionary Fund can the Council share the applicant's score with the applicant, so they know why they were not successful, and outline the steps that the council is taking to enable more businesses to be funded through the scheme? In addition, can the council confirm to businesses whether they need to apply again for any further funding that becomes available or whether any additional funding will be allocated according to the original applications?

(8) Councillor Druitt

How many of the council's business tenants have requested rent relief (i.e. a rent-free period) or rent deferral in light of Covid-19 and how many (and for what sums) have been granted:

- a. relief?
- b. deferral?

(9) Councillor Druitt

At the last meeting we were told that the council had not 'furloughed' any staff yet but was considering doing so. Can the council confirm whether any staff have been furloughed now, and

- a. what sum is this expected to save the council;
- b. what departments have or have had furloughed staff; and
- c. what engagement has the council had with furloughed staff?

(10) Councillor Gibson

Please provide separately on street and off-street parking income for each of the months February, March, April, May and June?

(11) Councillor Gibson

Please provide the parking fine income and separately the parking enforcement costs broken down for each month February, March, April, May and June?

(12) Councillor Gibson

As of the 6th of July, what is the total number housed in hotels, student halls and of:

- a) Verified rough sleepers
- b) Other homeless people housed to avoid rough sleeping.

(13) Councillor Gibson

Please update the answer to housing committee on accommodation capacity by indicating as of 6th of July what was the room capacity and actual occupancy of symptomatic, ex symptomatic accommodation, hotel, guesthouse and student accommodation acquired in response to the pandemic?

(14) Councillor Gibson

As of 6th of July, how many Personal Housing Plans had housing options completed since beginning of April for verified rough sleepers?

(15) Councillor Gibson

As of 6th of July

- a) How many verified rough sleepers and other homeless households have no local connection and can be safely reconnected?
- b) Since 18th of March how many verified Rough sleepers and how many other homeless households or individuals have been safely reconnected?

(16) Councillor Gibson

Between April 2017 and March 2020 how many rough sleepers with Housing First support were housed in secure stable accommodation under the Housing Allocations Plan Council Interest Queue?

(17) Councillor Gibson

As of the 6th of July, how many accommodated in Hotels, student accommodation, symptomatic and ex symptomatic accommodation? And how many have completed benefit forms for rent support?

(18) Councillor Gibson

How much of the (£105m - not all new money!) allocation announced on 24th of June by the MCLG to support sustain accommodation for rough sleepers will be/is expected to be provided to BHCC, what will the additional funding be used for? And how much funding is estimated to still be needed to sustain the accommodation offer for all verified rough sleepers currently housed that cannot be safely reconnected?

(19) Councillor Gibson

Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes (as of the 6th July) for homeless people accommodated in hotels, student accommodation symptomatic and ex symptomatic accommodation who have been housed since 18th March and have since left in the table below:-

Leaving outcome	Verified Rough sleepers	Other homeless
Safe reconnection		
Housed in supported housing		
Housed in Private rented housing		
Housed in social housing		
Abandoned		
Evicted		

(20) Councillor Clare

Could you provide an update on the rollout of windows 10?

(21) Councillor Clare

Could you provide a brief overview of any other planned IT major projects including a fuller rollout of teams?

(22) Councillor Clare

In December 2019, we heard a Part 2 report about City Clean Industrial Relations. In a future meeting this was announced as resolved in Chairs Communications. Will the committee ever hear an update?

(23) Councillor Miller

Can the chief executive please give details and financial levels as to the pay arrangements for the interim ELT member for Housing and Communities?

(24) Councillor Miller

Can the Chief Executive also provide us with a full update as to the staffing gaps and his plans for ELT, as it is now over 6 months since the Finance Director left: and we still do not have a replacement. We are also lacking a substantive Children's Director and Housing Director.