WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

(a) Councillor Fryer

"What measures did the council take to ensure that school closures were kept to a minimum during the cold weather and to address the impact this has on children and young people's education and their families?"

Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People

(b) Councillor Kitcat

"Will Cllr G Theobald make clear to this meeting and colleagues in East Sussex County Council that this city has no wish to ship its waste to landraise sites in the East Sussex countryside?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(c) Councillor Kitcat

"Does Councillor Theobald agree that recycling municipal waste is the cheapest way of handling waste for this council and that greater rates of recycling can play an important part in improving this council's financial situation in the face of the extremely low central government grant?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(d) Councillor Kitcat

"Can Councillor Smith explain why he responded to a public question on the Brighton 'O' at our last council meeting by saying that this Council was 'dealing directly' with Brighton Sailing Club yet the club report no such talks are happening?"

Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism

(e) Councillor Hamilton

"On 18th January 2010 the Leader of the Council's current Forward Plan listed a key decision relating to Hangleton Bottom as being Key Decision CAB 5498:

"to seek agreement to the marketing approach and the future use of the site."

This decision was marked ”deferred” and had been marked as such on successive Forward Plans since it first appeared on the Forward Plan in October 2008. In the interest of openness and transparency will the Leader of the Council explain why a report went to the Central Services CMM on January18th seeking agreement to the marketing approach and future use of the site without having been listed in advance on her publicly available Forward Plan?”

Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council

(f) Councillor McCaffery

“At a training event for school governors on Safeguarding Children in November, I asked who the Brighton and Hove Local Children’s Safeguarding Board reports to. The officer did not know and has since informed me that despite asking she has not yet received an answer. We as Councillors are legally responsible for the children in our care, Would the Cabinet member for Children Families and Schools please inform this Council who the LCSB reports to?”

Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People

(g) Councillor Mitchell

“In his departmental budget report for 2010/11, the Cabinet Member for Environment is proposing a £200,000 cut to the council’s Supported Transport budget with effect from April 2010. Given that this would have entailed the formal three month prior notification of contract termination, could the Cabinet Member inform the council as to whether this notification has been served and which bus service contracts and routes will be affected?”

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(h) Councillor Caulfield

“In the light of 1) her Scrutiny Committee’s examination of the Administration’s housing budget proposals last week and 2) comments in Gscene from the Leader of the Labour Group and her housing spokesperson that the LDV is not worth pursuing, could Cllr. Meadows, in her capacity as Chair of the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee, reassure council members that she, and the rest of the Labour Group, are fully committed to supporting tenants in ensuring that the LDV is successfully set up this spring?”

Reply from Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(i) Councillor Davey

"Brighton & Hove Buses are justifiably an award winning service provider and the partnership with the city council is often cited as an example of best practice yet, concerns remain over aspects of the bus service in the city. These concerns include: high prices as recently highlighted by the Office of Fair Trading, a limited service to the outer areas of the city, congestion in the city centre and poor air quality. Could the Cabinet Member for Environment please tell us what he is doing to address these issues?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(j) Councillor Simson

"As the Council's representative on the Sussex Police Authority, could Cllr. Duncan please tell me how much it has cost to police the last two 'Smash EDO' demonstrations (in May 2009 and January 2010)?"

Reply from Councillor Duncan, Council Representative to the Police Authority

(k) Councillor Bennett

"Residents are asking me…Dyke Road is a gateway into Brighton and Hove and sets visitors first impressions of the City. Cars are being parked on the grass verges on the western side causing damage, even though the road is wide enough for cars to be parked correctly; these appear to be overspill cars from nearby parking schemes. How will the council rectify the situation?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(l) Councillor Bennett

"The school parking sign outside Lancing Pre Prep has the wrong times for no parking. The school operates at different hours to those displayed; could I please have a date for when the council will amend the sign to the correct hours?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment

(m) Councillor Bennett

"Will the council commit to work with City Park to ensure maximum use of the car parks to help reduce the problems on local roads by overspill parking?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment