Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 7(b)

Subject: Member Questions

Date of meeting: 7 July 2022

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 This Committee:

(1) Councillor Bagaeen – Black Rock

Can the Chair provide an update on the status of proposals to replace the Brighton Centre with a new facility at Black Rock?

(2) Councillor Fishleigh - Ice rink in the city

On page 22 of the Sports Investment Plan it says the following:

- Ice rinks require more than 30% of the population to be aged under 24 years.
- Whilst the current population is marginally above this figure, they will make up a smaller proportion of the overall population in future years.
- The overall risk associated with provision is considered to be too high to outweigh any benefit.

Please would you provide evidence for the first two points and explain what the risk is for BHCC if an outside company builds and operates an ice rink in the city?

(3) Councillor Fishleigh - Recruitment of new Executive Director Economy Environment & Culture

Do you agree that the person appointed to this post needs to have have real-life experience in resolving industrial disputes and a proven track record of bringing external private-sector investment into urban areas?

Supplementary Question:

I think it's widely acknowledged that the portfolio for this post is too large and disparate. Who decided that it should remain as one post and what was their rationale?