WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

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

The following five written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Christopher Hawtree

"Would Councillor Smith please tell us when work will begin on preparing the next Library Plan?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism, will reply.

(b) Mr Ian Elkin

"To Gill Mitchell as the Leader of the Labour Opposition on Brighton & Hove Council.

Given that you and your Party were not voted in at the last council elections, why is the Labour Group now stopping the council from operating in the way that the last council and its Administration did, is it because there is a Parliamentary Election this year, if so might I suggest that you and your council colleagues are not interested in Brighton & Hove?"

Councillor Mitchell, Leader of the Opposition, will reply.

(c) Ms Ninka Willcock

"Can Cllr Smith confirm that various groups, and other interested people, will be able to take part in continuing discussions about the Brighton History Centre?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism will reply.

(d) Ms Trish Murray

"Several activities within the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982, come under the 2003 Licensing Act, which states; *'The fee is to recover the administration, inspection and enforcement costs of licensing authorities which arise from carrying out their licensing functions under the Act'.* Licensed under the Act, Off Licenses pay approx £180 per annum, have specific licence criteria, and commonly consume more council resources than Licensed Sex Establishments. As councils are able to accomplish this for a mere £180 fee, why do Sex Establishment renewal fees carry a far higher cost, for universally utilising far less council resources?"

Councillor Cobb, Chairman of the Licensing Committee will reply.

(e) Mr Tim Carder

"Users retain concerns about removing Brighton History Centre resources to The Keep, finding no mention in council minutes until last month. Will the Cabinet member for Culture:

a) explain the decision process and reasons, pointing to documentation;
b) state how and when inclusion of the Centre's resources was allowed for in The Keep's design;
c) state if and when microform resources and books are to be removed from the Centre to the Jubilee Library;
d) state whether library users will enjoy the present instant access to microforms; and
e) state if there will be an overall loss of microform readers?

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism will reply.