

Resident Questions for Housing Area Panel

Reference Number: W3.1

Department	Community Engagement
Date question raised	18/08/22
Date of Area Panel	12/10/22
Area in city	West Area
Star rating applied by residents	3 Star
Deadline for officer response	19/09/22
Name of officer responding	Justine Harris
Officer job title	Head of Tenancy Services

Resident Question

Title of Question	Estate Development Budget 'roll over'
Issue:	West residents were told recently that any EDB projects not completed by the end of the financial year (April 2023) would not be done and the money returned to the EDB pot.
Background:	In previous years, if an agreed EDB project was still outstanding at the end of the financial year, money allocated to it was rolled over into the next financial year. If this policy has changed, it will penalise residents for slow work by the Council.
Action requested by residents:	Residents asked for clarification of the current position and an assurance that any agreed, but incomplete, EDB work will be completed in the following financial year.

Officer Response

Officer contact details:	Sam Warren Community Engagement Manager Sam.warren@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Officer Response:	<p>Please accept our apologies if this is something you had heard from a member of staff. However, this information is completely incorrect.</p> <p>There is a process of recording and reporting all projects to the EDB Panel to monitor progress of any outstanding bids. This process has not changed and there are no plans to bring in any changes.</p>

	<p>The EDB Delivery Team will continue to work to complete all bids within a financial year, but in the event, they can't be delivered the EDB Panel will work with the council to ensure any delays are resolved where possible and the residents who submitted the bid are kept informed throughout. Where a project has been approved by the EDB panel but cannot be completed within the financial year the funding is ringfenced to this project and rolled over to the following year.</p> <p>I hope this reassures residents that any EDB projects that have been approved by the panel, will be delivered even if there are delays in a financial year.</p>
Action:	No actions needed.
Start date:	N/A
End date:	N/A