

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

## Agenda Item XX(b)

**Subject:** Member Questions

**Date of meeting:** 14 March 2023

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 Fowler- Clothing banks**

The Clothing Charity bins contents are processed by a company called SOEX; which is based "in Germany and abroad" I have been watching a Video that show that this clothing is shipped to developing countries such as Ghana's worldwide clothing market at a hefty carbon and potential ethical cost. The market receives 15m clothing donations from around the world. 1/3 of the clothing that is fast fashion and unusable ends up being dumped in landfill or ends up on beaches and in the ocean. I do want to know if local clothing banks or UK charities have been approached to see if they want these items, or is there not a UK based service who can manage this?

**(2) Councillor Platts- Composting**

I visited The Bevy recently and I was pleased to be able to take a look at their new [Ridan waste composting system](#). Can the Council advise whether such a system can be rolled out across our parks? This could involve Friends Groups and encourage recycling of food and garden waste whilst generating organic compost for our parks and open spaces, with the option to sell the surplus to local people and generate income for the Council.

**(3) Councillor Platts- Blakers Park Tennis Courts**

Please can the Council update the Committee on the status of the proposals for a Community Asset Transfer of the tennis courts in Blakers Park?

**(4) Councillor Nemeth- Carbon Neutral Project**

How much of our 1242kt (kilo tonnes) of CO2e emissions does the 2030 Carbon Neutral project hope to save by (a) increased cycling (b) increased walking?

**(5) Councillor Nemeth- Aquarium Roundabout**

How much extra CO2e will be generated annually as a result of removing the Aquarium Roundabout, including that from delayed and displaced traffic and on a one-off basis from the civil engineering works?

**(6) Councillor Nemeth- T Zone**

What is a likely timescale for an extension of the successful T-Zone to encompass Portland Road and Boundary Road?