

Brighton & Hove City Council

Children, Families & Schools Committee

Agenda Item 20(b)

Subject: Member Involvement – Written Questions

Date of meeting: 11 September 2023

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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. Cllr Sue Shanks – Primary school places

What is the percentage of primary school places filled, as opposed to unfilled, in this year's September intake? If undersubscribed, what steps will the council be taking to ensure efficiency across primary schooling in the city ahead of next September?"

2. Cllr Chloë Goldsmith – Refurbishment work at the Hive

What are the council doing to ensure that there are no more delays to the refurbishment work at The Hive and to make sure the school will open as planned in January? Are the council also doing anything more to track the progress of the refurbishment, so that if there are any more delays, parents are given far more than two weeks' notice of any changes?

3. Cllr Chloë Goldsmith – Holiday provision for children with disabilities

Research from the Disabled Children's Partnership found that only 10% of families with disabled children were able to find a suitable holiday club for their child during the summer holidays, and only 4% were able to find something for the days and hours needed for them. Will the council commit to carrying out an audit of holiday provision for children with disabilities in Brighton & Hove, and use that to take steps to address any shortfalls?

