

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 58(b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 26 September 2024

A period of not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

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

(1) Housing Strategy – Daniel Harris

Brighton & Hove's Housing Strategy 2024-2029 proposes 2,000 affordable homes, but it lacks clarity on what affordable truly means. Only 14 responses from 1,700 residents in temporary accommodation (just 0.82%) were recorded. There has been no consultation with residents of 1960s tower blocks, which are often unsafe, or any mention of the Brighton General Hospital site, a key redevelopment area. Given these omissions and the lack of genuine input from vulnerable communities, will the council pause the strategy and commit to a thorough consultation process before proceeding?

(2) Housing Strategy – Jim Deans

Having read the Draft I find it encouraging a large number of statements that we all agree on but little in the way of how these will be achieved. 8 years ago councillors vote 100% to give "us" a building to create a Triage and safe zone, a place anyone made homeless could go regardless of day or time, yet again a new strategy without the basic first step in prevention and live saving support mentioned. If you are a Victim of Domestic Violence or simply made homeless you have nowhere to go this triage base is the first step in cutting the tap on Homelessness can I ask the councillors to put this first step at the top of the agenda and strategy?

(3) Parking Review Update – Max Glaskin

If parking charges are changed and attract more drivers, there would be more traffic. Apart from the environmental consequences, will the Council publish how much the increased traffic will reduce the city's amenity and what the cost will be to the safety, health and wellbeing of residents, businesses and visitors?

