

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 17(b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 17 July 2025

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) Library Sustainability Plan– Dylis Brown

If Rottingdean library could be housed in another venue negating the maintenance cost of £68000 would BHCC keep it open. However, what would then BHCC do with the Grange building long term which given its great historic interest should be preserved for the nation

(2) Library Sustainability Plan – Nicky Lloyd Owen

Rottingdean has an ageing population with issues such as mobility and dementia. Not all have cars. Does the Cabinet not think that to get on a bus to Woodingdean/Saltdean to access library facilities (particularly in winter using slippery, broken pavements) is asking too much? Could not the Cabinet be accused of ageism?

(3) Library Sustainability Plan – Patricia Dixon

What plans does BHCC have for Rottingdean Grange building? This is used as the hub of the village - not just for the library which is at threat despite the 6th largest footfall of nearly 30k visits a year but for The Grange Gallery and the volunteers who look after it (over 50 local people - for some it is their main, or only, social contact for mental well-being) but for The Grange Gardens (historically of huge value and tended by loyal volunteers), the tea rooms and the artisan gallery.

