

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 47(b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 16 October 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) Housing Supply and Asset Management plan– Pippa Burley

Is the Cabinet aware that 3/3a Bond Street Cottages is occupied by the Sussex County Arts Club, which is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers that has offered uniquely priced art sessions since 1944, from these same buildings, and can the Cabinet offer us assurances that any agreement they reach with a prospective purchaser will include suitable covenants, as is being offered to independent retailers, to preserve our institution and protect us from eviction or unsupportable rent increases.

(2) E-scooter Trial proposal for Brighton & Hove– Mark Strong

Cabinet is discussing an e-scooter hire trial in the city. As Community Works rep, I have received messages about this (both supportive and critical), including safety concerns. There are clearly many detailed issues to be discussed, which will require a full engagement process. However, this appears to be focused on the council seeking feedback from key stakeholders (including TTP members and major employers) rather than a more collaborative approach. There is no reference to discussions with CVS groups which represent localities or communities of interest. Consultation with the wider public is only proposed after the submission of an application for a trial. This refers to “residents, businesses, and visitors” with no mention of community groups. I would like to ask whether an explicit commitment can be included to working directly with community groups at both stages of the process, e.g. a meeting with groups as part of the first stage.

