

# **Brighton & Hove City Council**

## **People Overview & Scrutiny**

## **Agenda Item 36 (b)**

### **Subject: Public Questions**

Date of Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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) Adrian Hart**

Recent deputations and public questions at Full Council have been curtailed or rejected, including those by Mrs Sheftz, Ms Bhogal\*, and myself. In each case, decisions were treated as final, complaints were declined on constitutional grounds, and no scrutiny body assumed responsibility. Can the Chair reassure residents that the Council has adequate mechanisms to ensure that discretionary powers affecting public participation are exercised transparently, consistently, and without disproportionate impact on protected groups?

[\* Vicky Bhogal is known to me and is happy that I mention her]

