

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 163(b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 23 April 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) The King Alfred Leisure Centre Regeneration Project– Diane Montgomery

After detailed review, it appears that the current proposal conflicts with the City Plan, the Sports Facilities Investment Plan, the Stakeholder Engagement Report, and the Urban Design Framework.

Given this, will the Council grant permission for a full independent structural inspection of the existing building to be undertaken, and agree to pause any demolition, funding, or enabling works prior to the grant of planning permission and until the findings are completed and published?

We would be willing to fund or facilitate this independently, subject to access being granted.

This would ensure that any final decision is based on a complete and transparent evidence base.

(2) Asset Strategy– Malcolm Spencer

Section 3.21 states that the land is to be sold for residential development and section 3.20 states that there are issues with access. In light of the ongoing issues with planning application BH2025/01597 (the non council owned part of the site) where it is being argued that access to this site does not meet the National Planning Framework requirements for safe accessibility for all, how can the council justify a proposal to create a situation where more people will need to access this site?

