

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Cabinet

## Agenda Item 6(a)

**Subject: Member Questions**

**Date of meeting: 29 June 2026**

A maximum period of fifteen minutes in total shall be made available at each meeting of the Executive for questions from Members of the Council.

The questions included on the list of questions referred to above shall be taken as read at the Cabinet meeting. The question will be answered either orally or at the discretion of the Chair by a written answer circulated after the meeting. Officers may assist the Leader or a Cabinet Member with technical answers to questions. No supplementary questions shall be permitted.

The following written questions have been received from Members:

**22. Councillor Shanks – Future of Roundabout Nursery**

As 87% of respondents were against the proposal and it is still going ahead what consideration was taken of those views.

**23. Councillor Shanks – Future of Roundabout Nursery**

How will the council ensure the quality of the provision under Aurora and what cost to the council will this involve.

**24. Councillor Shanks – Future of Roundabout Nursery**

How much is a “peppercorn rent” this is a fairly new building only around 10 years old being given away for 25 years at least.

**25. Councillor Shanks – Future of Roundabout Nursery**

What has been the staff response. How long will TUPE arrangements last.

**26. Councillor Sykes- Targeted Budget Management (TBM) Provisional Outturn 2025/26**

The Housing Subsidy budget error has revealed an increasing shortfall or budget pressure over the past two years, totalling just over £5m in the 2025-26 out-turn. The concern is the additional liability to our General Fund arising from the lack of any subsidy to HB claims from this group of claimants, and the fact that this pressure rose by £1.7m over a year. The pressure is effectively out of our control as it depends on DWP assessments of capability to work, as well as the general impact of the housing crisis. The TBM paper states merely that “A recovery plan is in place to minimise the ongoing housing benefit subsidy losses.” What is the projected pressure here in 2026-

27 and beyond, and what representations is the administration making with DWP and Treasury to reduce the impact on our financial position?