

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Paul Sutherland

“Is the failure of a new business venture in Brighton & Hove and the loss of 12 employment opportunities in a recession a proportionate cost considered against the minor change to road layout of New Road at no cost to the council?”

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment, will respond.

(b) Ms Penny Gilbey

“As the Cabinet member for Central Services you have Hangleton Bottom as part of your portfolio. You are also a councillor for the ward in which Hangleton Bottom is situated. It is clear that the majority of residents in North Portslade Ward do not want any business development at Hangleton Bottom. In light of this are you prepared to cancel the marketing exercise that your party started earlier this year and give an undertaking that the Conservative Administration will abandon any proposals to sell this green field site on the urban fringe?”

Councillor Alford, Cabinet Member for Central Services, will respond.

(c) Mr Peter Crowhurst

“In February 2007, the tenant of 50 Kensington Place died. The Council confirmed the property would be renovated in the summer 2007; then November 2007; then April 2009. This has still not been done. Three sets of squatters have broken in. The Council has failed the local residents inflicting stress and distress on them due to their neglect, has failed the people on the housing list, has facilitated the destruction of a grade II listed house and wasted taxpayers' money due to numerous police visits. It is time to sell this property. Who benefits from the Council retaining this property?”

Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing, will respond.

