

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 85</b>
24 March 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

## **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers which will be included in an addendum that will be circulated at the meeting:

### **(a) Councillor Davis**

"What 'slow down' and Schools signs are planned to be installed along the Old Shoreham Rd near the junction at the Upper Drive?"

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

### **(b) Councillor Elgood**

"Can the Cabinet Member for Environment kindly update me on the progress towards a gating order for Farman Street? As he will be aware this small cut through off Western Road has seen a particularly high level of anti-social behaviour and crime as a result of the high number of licensed venues on Western Rd."

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

### **(c) Councillor Elgood**

"A recent licensing hearing concerning a premise on Western Road revealed that its existing licensing permissions did not match those relating to the current planning permissions for the venue. What checks are made between licensing and planning (and vica versa) to ensure that both permissions match? How does the council ensure that there are no differences between the two sets of permissions and has the council identified this as an issue in previously agreed applications, where premises now operate with one or other permissions incorrectly?"

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

### **(d) Councillor Lepper**

"Can the Cabinet Member for enterprise give assurances to the local businesses and Community Transport, who currently rent space from the Council on the Preston Barracks site, that if future developments on that site should mean their relocation, every help will be given to them by the Council to do so locally, thus safeguarding the business and the jobs of those who work for them."

**Reply from Councillor Fallon-Khan, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects.**

**(e) Councillor Morgan**

“Can the Cabinet Member advise of the progress made on the sale of the land currently occupied by Whitehawk Library and Youth Centre, whether bids have been sought or received, what timetable there is for the sale and what the market value of the land is?”

**Reply from Councillor Alford, Cabinet Member for Central Services.**

**(f) Councillor Morgan**

“How much has the council spent printing and posting the incorrect rate bills for charities?”

**Reply from Councillor Young, Cabinet Member for Finance.**

**(g) Councillor Elgood**

“Hotels and Guest Houses benefit from voucher parking in Kemp Town. Could the council consider extending the scheme to other parking zones, including in Brunswick and Adelaide, where small hotels and guest house owners have requested a similar scheme?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

**(h) Councillor Hawkes**

“Has the Cabinet Member looked into the possible impact this government’s abolition of Educational Maintenance Allowance will have on young people in Brighton & Hove and what does she plan to do about it?”

**Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.**

**(i) Councillor Hawkes**

“Despite this government’s claim that they had found “more resources” for our school’s, new figures have revealed that the average secondary school will see its budget for building work, repairs and computers slashed by £86,000 next year and for primary schools in England the figure is £26,000. Does this concern the Cabinet Member and how does she plan to work with local schools to manage this further loss of funding?”

**Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.**

**(j) Councillor McCaffery**

“As one of the very few councillors living near London Road, I am only too aware of the volume of traffic coming into the City and the heavy congestion this causes and would wish to encourage the use of other forms of transport, Could Councillor Theobald inform me of the cost of a normal return journey to the city Centre for two adults and two children?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

**(k) Councillor Simpson**

“Could the Cabinet Member give a best estimate as to how many Housing Benefit claimants will be affected by the cuts to the benefit that are being introduced over the next few years. Please can you inform me as to the numbers of Private Sector tenants and also a figure as to the number of working age Brighton and Hove City Council tenants who will be affected by such measures as the restriction of the payment of Housing Benefit to the number of bedrooms to match household size?”

**Reply from Councillor Young, Cabinet Member for Finance.**

**(l) Councillor Meadows**

“Is Councillor Norman concerned about the cutbacks his government is making on the inspection of Care Homes and will he be making representations to the Secretary Of State for Health regarding the impact on local care homes?”

**Reply from Councillor Norman, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health.**