

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

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

(a) Mr Nigel Jenner

“With the wonderful development and creation of the new facilities at the Sussex County Cricket Ground - What initiatives and leads have the Council taken in developing provision for the local children and young people with the Cricket club?”

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism will reply.

(b) Mr Chris Cooke

“Can the Council confirm what the long term plans are for the Old Market building on Circus Street? The building is literally falling apart due to lack of use, but with adequate resources could be converted into a valuable community asset for the Turner neighbourhood.”

Councillor Fallon-Khan, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects will reply.

(c) Ms Diane Marks

“With changes to benefits many disabled people are going to be looking for work for the first time in Brighton. Only one in three visually impaired adults are currently in work. What is Brighton and Hove Council planning on doing to ensure that there is support available for this group to help them into work and off benefits in line with the objectives set out in the corporate plan?”

Councillor Simson, Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion and Internal Relations will reply.

(d) Ms Tracey Hill

"What action is the Council planning to take to prevent drivers driving along the pavements in Elm Grove, a practice that is dangerous for pedestrians, particularly parents and children making their way to and from Elm Grove School?"

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(e) Mr Leo Barraclough

"In Hanover and Elm Grove ward many private landlords have been erecting large conservatories to provide an extra room in Houses in Multiple Occupation. The reason they do this is to make the living room into another bedroom, and so fit more tenants – usually students – into the property, and they don't need planning permission to do this. This is blighting the area as it destroys the green spaces between houses. What measures will the council take to tackle this issue?"

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(f) Mr Luke Walter

"Does the Council think it's fair that people using the 23 and 25 bus pay only £2.50 but people on every other Brighton & Hove bus pay £3.70 for a day ticket, and if not, what is the Council going to do to ensure that some areas of the city don't end up subsidising other areas so that Brighton & Hove Buses can afford to price-match The Big Lemon?"

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(g) Mr Tim Lunnon

"Currently if a family wishes to travel by bus, then every child will have to pay half the price of an Adult ticket, so it is actually financially beneficial to get a family into town by car. However if a child has the bus-id card, available freely from the bus company, they can travel for 20p when with an Adult, making it far cheaper. I ask the Cabinet Member for the environment to lobby Brighton and Hove Bus Company to remove the need for the bus ID card, to allow all children, when with adults to travel for 20p."

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(h) Ms Maggie O'Connor

“Councillors last time voted £200,000 to the Connexions service specifically in order to ensure there are as many LDD and NEET delivery posts as possible. We understand that officers are planning to use the money for:

- (1) Voluntary Sector transition i.e. contracts that must have been predicted within their present budget analysis, and
- (2) Other NON Connexions posts.

Can we be assured that the money will now be used so that all BHCC Connexions staff who apply for LDD or Employability delivery posts are offered a job?”

Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will reply.

