

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 Pidgeon

“Following his commitment to Councillor Norman at the Cabinet meeting on 14th July to review the amount of council taxpayers’ money spent on employing trade union representatives, can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Central Services please update me on his progress?”

Reply from Councillor J Kitcat, Cabinet Member for Finance & Central Services.

(b) Councillor C. Theobald

“Can the Cabinet Member for Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration confirm whether any alternative match funding for the INTERREG IV A 2 Mers Seas Zeeen programme has yet been secured following her decision on 3rd August to withdraw from the Avanta Work Programme placement contract for 18-24 year old job seekers in the city?”

Reply from Councillor Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy & Regeneration.

(c) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

“Can the Chair of the Governance Committee please confirm what arrangements are being made by officers to carry out the Council’s desire, restated at its meeting on 21st July, to return to a Committee system at the ‘earliest possible opportunity’, bearing in mind that the Localism Bill is nearing the end of its passage through Parliament?”

Reply from Councillor Littman, Chair of the Governance Committee.

(d) Councillor G. Theobald

“The South Downs National Park Authority has been in existence now for 6 months, following a full shadow year. This Council unanimously supported its formation and residents were rightly very enthusiastic about its potential. Bearing in mind the first thing visitors to the Park see when entering along Dyke Road is the encampment at 19 Acres, does Cllr. West, as the Council’s representative on the Authority, agree that this is not the kind of use the Park was established for and will he please advise the Council what specific actions

have been taken so far by the Park Authority to give residents of the city confidence that it will achieve all that it was set up to do?”

Reply from Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability.

(e) Councillor Mears

“In relation to the proposed use of Black Rock as a temporary coach park, could the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm please tell me:

- a) when the decision was taken formally to overturn the 22nd March Cabinet Member decision which granted permission for the coach park;
- b) why the initial cost estimate for the works increased from £100k to £200k and
- c) what is the £100k from Seaside Towns grant, that was allocated by the Cabinet Member, now being used for?”

Reply from Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm.

(f) Councillor Janio

“Over the past few years, the excellent provision of youth services provided by the Hangleton and Knoll Project, funded as part of the council Youth Service, has meant that the west of the city has seen a gradual reduction in youth Anti Social Behaviour. This has been confirmed by the police and academic studies. What steps is the Council taking to ensure that this local service and expertise are maintained through the new commissioning process?”

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

(g) Councillor Pissaridou

“Would the Cabinet Member 1) explain what support is given to looked after children when allocating school places and 2) provide assurance that looked after children are placed in the most appropriate local schools possible.”

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

(h) Councillor Pissaridou

“Will the Cabinet Member confirm how many people in total have been fined for dog fouling in Brighton & Hove over the past twelve months, and how many people were fined in each of the last twelve months?”

Reply from Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability

(i) Councillor Robins

“The annual report to council tenants and leaseholders 2011 claims that this administration will continue to overclad flats and insulate them, reducing residents’ fuel consumption by up to about 17%. I would be grateful if the Cabinet Member could explain:

- a) how this figure was calculated and
- b) whether the figure of 17% is a proportion the total amount of fuel consumption used, or a proportion of the amount of fuel used to specifically heat the property?

Does the Cabinet Member agree that the council’s contractor, Mears, should be carrying out their own satisfaction surveys on their own work?”

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

(j) Councillor Farrow

“Can the Cabinet Member tell me how Brighton and Hove City Council currently tackles persistent rogue landlords and with what success?”

In light of Shelter’s Evict Rogue Landlords campaign, is this Administration:

- a) Prepared to address the issue of rogue landlords as a priority and
- b) Get tough with those landlords who believe they can get away with illegal and unethical behaviour?”

Reply from Councillor Wakefield, Cabinet Member for Housing.

(k) Councillor Marsh

“Will the administration commit to maintaining ‘Safe and Sorted’ children and young people’s services after April 2012?”

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

(I) Councillor Marsh

“Would the Cabinet Member agree that many parents in the city do not want their children to attend a Faith School and that expecting them to do so simply in order to get a school place for their child is unfair and erodes their ability to express a meaningful preference of school?”

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