

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 Furness

“Most of us, regardless of our political persuasions, are aware of the shocking decline in numbers of our native wildlife, not least in the case of honey bees, butterflies, moths and small birds.

Would you agree that this Green Council should be setting an example to City residents of how to preserve the natural habitats of these creatures by managing its own land and buildings in an environmentally sustainable manner?”

Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability, will reply.

(b) Mr. Rohan Lowe

“Has there been any progress on the youth service report?”

Councillor Shanks, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, will reply.

(c) Mr. Adam Campbell

“Does the council feel that it is appropriate for one city business to dominate council policy and endanger the viability of other businesses as a result?”

Councillor Davey, Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm, will reply.

(d) Ms. Rebecca Crook

“At the Culture Recreational & Tourism Cabinet Meeting on behalf of the Saltdean Lido Campaign I presented the community mandate from local people following a series of emergency meetings. 'The Council should seek to negotiate a surrender of the whole lease and if no agreement is made by the 29 February 2012, seek to take back the lease via compulsory purchase order with legal papers served on the 1 March 2012.' The Head of Planning Strategy implied that the Council could serve the first stage of the CPO papers now - a Warning Letter. Will you serve the Warning letter this month?”

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

(e) Mr. Graeme Simpson

“In the recent report ‘Operation of Saltdean Lido’ produced by the Council it outlines the Opening of the Lido. Throughout 2010 and 2011 the Save Saltdean Lido Campaign conducted a daily log of opening hours and this year the pool opened for 43 days out of the total 94 days. Every other Lido we’ve contacted opened daily for the same period. Why when the Council were provided with regular updates informing them that the pool was closed consistently & even tourists to the area wrote to the local newspaper stating it was closed, was no action taken?”

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

(f) Ms. Bridget Fishleigh

“At last week's meeting of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism meeting, Geoffrey Bowden agreed with officers' recommendation that the council should seek a negotiated way forward with the lessee of Saltdean Lido including, if satisfactory terms can be agreed, surrender of the head lease back to the council.

When will the council next be meeting Mr Audley to discuss surrender of the lease?”

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

(g) Ms. Valerie Paynter

"To what extent does the Administration recognise that pervasive, late and all-night alcohol availability, along with late and all-night clubbing are significant motivating reasons for inward migration and new residencies. Has this ever been looked at and quantified?"

Councillor Deane, Chair of the Licensing Committee, will reply.