

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 five written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Hollingdale

“Would the Council members please consider the benefit to the community of Brighton & Hove, of the HOVE OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT - it takes place for one week in July of each year on the four wonderful greens in Hove on the seafront. The Tournament has been established since 1929 with the Mayor being recognized as Patron - he / she attends to open the Tournament and give prizes on Finals Day. Having duly considered, would the members consider approving some financial support from an appropriate budget on an annual basis to help securing the future survival of the Tournament?”

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

(b) Mr Chester

“In October every councillor voted for Saltdean Lido to be put on the forward plan. So why has it come off and why does the latest report from council officials say that the only ward affected is Rottingdean Coastal?”

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

(c) Ms Crook

“In view of English Heritage's visit to Saltdean Lido last week, when will the local planning authority be serving its second warning letter and a section 48 repairs notice to the leaseholder at Saltdean Lido? Given that the minimum time allowed is 2 months, how long will it be giving Mr Audley to complete the works?”

Councillor MacCafferty, Chair of the Planning Committee, will reply.

(d) Ms Fishleigh

“BHCC officials have repeatedly said that a CPO of Saltdean Lido would be expensive and so would only be undertaken as a last resort.

What risk assessments and cost estimates have been produced by the council to support this view and which CPOs around the country have they used as models?

Are there official documents which I can request under FOI?”

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

(e) Ms Paynter

“Automatic right of access to live planning application hard copy within City Direct was terminated on January 1st.

People are told to view material online or seek to view the case officer’s copy. This can mean only partial or very brief file access and is also planned to end shortly.

The Council gave no advance notice of intention to force engagement online. There was no public consultation to understand how this might affect engagement with the planning process. Officers took just a one month look at user numbers.

I’m shocked.

Why was there no public consultation concerning this move?”

Councillor MacCafferty, Chair of the Planning Committee, will reply.