

Subject: Public Involvement – Written Questions
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Wards Affected: Various

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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 Committee.

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

(a) Mr Hinton

“The proposal to lend £14 million to the i360 company is based on two key figures, a forecast that 800,000 people will ride on the i360 each year (that’s over 2,000 a day on average) and a forecast that 440 new jobs will be created indirectly by the i360.

“Will the Council publish the evidence and reasoning on which these two forecasts are based so that when the final decision is made, councillors and their constituents will have a clearer idea of what level of risk the Council will be taking with public money?”

(b) Ms Paynter

“What is council policy towards use of the ground floor public seating area by the elderly and disabled who feel unable to manage access and use of the upper gallery within Hove Town Hall's Council Chamber?”

(c) Ms Walker

“Changes to school admissions in 2008 meant Withdean and Westdene children had to go to Hove Park or Blatchington Mill Schools. As it is too far to walk the council helped by subsidising a bus service. No.96 is a double-decker which is nearly full everyday and most children have bus passes costing £240 a year. If this service is cut we would have to get two buses via the centre of Brighton, adding 2 hours extra travel daily. There is no alternative service travelling east to west in the north of the city. How can the council justify this cut?”