

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 Tilley

“With the introduction of bus key cards, bus journey information is electronically stored. An analysis of this journey information would greatly aid the understanding of current and future public transport service usage. It is requested that the Council produce a timetable for publishing monthly individual bus journey data as Open Data?”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee, will reply.

(b) Mr Campbell

“Is the current Green administration anti business or just inept as a result of their lack of practical commercial experience?”

Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council, will reply.

(c) Mr Kemble

“Does the Council recognise the Hackney Carriage Trade as part of the City's integrated transport system”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee, will reply.

(d) Ms Turner

“Could the Council please tell us what plans they have in mind for a large separate and augmented public art gallery in Brighton and Hove?”

Councillor Bowden, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee, will reply.

(e) Mr Lowe

“With 70% of monitoring sites in Brighton and Hove recording illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide and the likelihood of the EU issuing a multimillion pound fine next year for breaching safety guidelines will the administration get tough on monitoring perpetual road works thereby insuring that they are completed within the shortest time frame in order to negate such build ups of noxious gases from stationery vehicles caught in the queues?”

Councillor West Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee, will reply.

(f) Mr Warmington

“In answer to a public question to this Council meeting a year ago, the Administration undertook to investigate an all-operator Oyster-style travelcard for public transport in Brighton & Hove. As several developments in the last year have made this all the more desirable, what steps has the Council taken to give this serious consideration?”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee, will reply.

(g) Ms Paynter

"The Council Tax banding as between Brighton and Hove remains as it was before unification I'm told and residents feel there are huge anomalies which mean banding is very unfair. People downsizing to more modest properties are finding they are in higher council tax bands and having to pay MORE council tax. What powers does BHCC have to correct this situation and make it more fair."

Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council, will reply.