

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

(a) Ms R. Shepherd

"Given that this council states that it wants to provide cost effective services for all of Brighton and Hove residents and to be an attractive destination of choice for tourists and businesses I would like to know whose short-sighted decision it was to cancel in 2011 the creation of a much needed extension to the existing coach park in Madeira Drive which at the same time would have produced much needed revenue and when will this decision be reversed.

The recent parking survey and City Plan are ominously silent on coach parking facilities. Why?"

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

(b) Mr Alex Green

"As Deputy Leader of the Council and apparent spokesperson for the Green administration - notwithstanding anyone's right to Freedom of Information - what protocols do you have in place to protect the confidentiality of individual cases that you and your colleagues deal with and, indeed, any sensitive business that you have been elected to manage and guard wisely?"

Councillor Mac Cafferty, Deputy Leader of the Council will reply.

(c) Ms Joseph

"Seventeen months into your term as the first Green administration, to what extent do you feel you have tackled, or begun to tackle, the priorities identified in your manifesto in a way that has included, engaged and benefited all the different people groups that comprise this city?"

Councillor Mac Cafferty, Deputy Leader of the Council will reply.

(d) Mr Bell

“As you have announced an underspend in this year’s council budget can you please inform us as to why for the sake of £60,000 the 52 bus service has been cut so that the elderly in Woodingdean can no longer get to the hospital, working council tax payers can no longer commute to the station and children going to BHASVIC, Cardinal Newman and Blatchington Mill schools are now put in danger by having to wait in the dark to catch three buses instead of the direct route they use to have on the original 52 bus route.”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee will reply.

(e) Mr Tilley

"It is requested that the Brighton and Hove public are allowed to take photos (silent, non flash) and video recordings on mobile devices during public Council meetings."

Councillor Kitcat, Leader of the Council will reply.

(f) Ms Simson

“St Josephs Primary School in Hollingdean is situated on a busy main bus route and every day parents, carers and their children take their lives in their hands when trying to cross outside the school. The school has contacted the Council on many occasions asking for a crossing to be situated outside the school and only last week was told the earliest this could happen was 2015.

For the safety of everyone at the school are you prepared to do to make it safe to cross either with a proper crossing or at very least a school crossing patrol?”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee will reply.

(g) Mr Pameley

“The curtailment of the 52 bus route and the changes to its timetable has seriously jeopardised our safety. Please give in detail your analysis of the risks factors and the dangers posed when allowing the changes to the running of the 52 bus. What considerations were there about linking with other bus service times (as these are not working), the locations for changing buses for children as young as 11 years of age in extended journey times, the geographical nature of Ovingdean, (its hills and exposed unlit downland road), and, the demographic make-up of the Ovingdean area?”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee will reply.