

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

**(a) Mr Jenner**

"With the pressure on budgets and reduction in some area of funding please can you tell me if the total level of funding from grants and commissioned / contracted work with the community and voluntary sector has increased or decreased in 2013/14 as compared with the last financial year 2012/ 2013 and the previous year 2011/12?"

This includes all funding across all departments including, housing, children's services, adult social care, leisure and sport."

**Councillor Littman, Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy & Resources Committee, will reply.**

**(b) Ms Sharp**

"Please can you confirm that you have considered the difference in the housing stock between Brunswick and Adelaide ward and Zone 2 of Central Hove and recognise that recycling rates could be lowered as a result of the communal recycling proposal?"

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

**(c) Mr Tomlins**

"The behaviour of council officers and departments should not be regulated by a 'what we can get away with' approach. There are codes of practise that all council officers should follow. I have made serious allegations of malpractice among council departments and officers who have managed my dismissal as a teacher from a local authority school.

Why have I been actively prevented, until now, from registering any sort of complaint or protest about what I consider to be seriously unprofessional behaviour? This complete lack of accountability is surely against the values of an open, transparent and democratic authority.”

**Councillor Littman, Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy & Resources Committee, will reply.**