

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers which will be included in an addendum that will be circulated at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Hamilton

“There are many footpaths in Portslade, providing safe traffic free access to many parts. The path at the rear of High Close in Portslade was impassable, with brambles and nettles on both sides of the path meeting in the middle. It appears there is no programme for footpath clearance. Please could consideration be given to an annual maintenance programme?”

Reply from Councillor West, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.

(b) Councillor G Theobald

“How much money was spent on agency staff between the start of the recent unofficial strike and subsequent work to rule by City Clean staff on 8th May, and the start of the official strike on 14th June?”

Reply from Councillor Littman, Deputy Chair (Finance) Policy & Resources Committee.

(c) Councillor Hyde

“Many councils operate corporate ‘customer charters’ which, amongst other things, specify how quickly telephone calls should be answered by staff. Does Brighton & Hove City Council have such a charter with a target time for staff to answer telephone calls and, if so, how does the Planning Department perform against that target?”

Reply from Councillor Mac Cafferty, Chair of the Planning Committee.

(d) Councillor G Theobald

“In the light of (a) the recent statement in the House of Commons by Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis, about the unsuitability of Green Belt land for traveller sites and (b) the concerns that have been raised by experts about possible contamination of the drinking water aquifer, will the Administration now be shelving its plans for a new permanent traveller site at Horsdean?”

Reply from Councillor West, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.

