

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 written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr C Hawtree

"With the emerging Library Plan in mind, could Councillor Smith please tell us what steps he will be taking to ensure that all teenage pupils in this authority's schools are introduced to the library service and encouraged to make full use of it?"

Councillor David Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture Recreation & Tourism will reply.

(b) Ms J Offer

"As a local resident and parent of children at Downs Infant and Junior schools I would like to ask what the contingency plan is for the Hollingdean Waste Transfer site should there be a fire or other such emergency?"

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(c) Mr. M Unwin

"What are the health implication for local residents of the unpleasant smell currently emanating from the Hollingdean waste facility, and what plans does the council have to address the situation?"

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(d) Mr Nick Savvides

"The area east of the railway bridge was a designated Air Quality Management Area. In 2007 when discussing this area, and the effect the dump would have on the air quality, council environment officers said that air quality would deteriorate as a result of the heavier traffic caused by the dump. In addition the council representatives suggested that they would consult the local population in order to find a solution to this problem. I would like to know what steps the council has taken to monitor the air quality in the residential areas around the dump, what happened to the consultation and what they propose to do to improve the air quality? I would also like to ask that if any monitoring of the facility is carried out can that be by an independent body, rather than Veolia, and that the results of this monitoring be made public?"

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(e) Ms. L Deller

"How can they stop the smell when the building is basically an open fronted shed? Surely it is impossible without rebuilding the whole thing with some sort of double door system and super extractor system?"

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.