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Brighton & Hove City Council

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**(i) Refuse collection- Councillor Mitchell**

*It is becoming apparent that a significant number of communal refuse bins across the city are in a dilapidated state with lids missing, foot pedals (on the old style bins) broken and some with panels missing. This lack of maintenance is undermining the original objective of installing the bins which was to properly contain waste to keep streets cleaner and instead Seagulls and other wildlife is able to get at the refuse and cause a mess.*

*In the Montpelier and Clifton Hill area residents have concluded that around 70% of the bins in their area are defective and I know from my own ward that there are several defective bins in Kemp Town.*

*Does Cityclean have a system of monitoring the condition of the bins and repairing or replacing them as soon as is necessary? Will the council undertake to survey the condition of all of the on-street bins in the city and replace those that are beyond any form of repair? Could I also be informed as to the frequency that the bins are checked for fly-tipping.*