

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. A. Morris

“Considering the increase in the public incidents of rape, sexual and physical assaults, alcohol drinking, anti-social behaviour and breaches of noise levels, what measures across the city, including appropriate positioning of CCTV cameras, are being put in place by this Green Council?”

Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council will reply.

(b) Mr. L. Kelly

“In the last 4 months Denmark Villas has been blighted by ever more graffiti. This beautiful part of the city has gone from being virtually graffiti free to a situation where almost every piece of street furniture & some of the private garden walls have been grafittied. What action will the council take to clear this up & prevent its reappearance?”

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

(c) Mr. J. Hooper

"Stanmer Stakeholders Forum was established to discuss matters of importance both to council and stakeholders. Since 2011 the frequency of meetings has become erratic and only matters that the council identifies placed on the agenda. At the last meeting in April, it was promised once the two HLF bids were submitted in October; a meeting would be held in November.

Would the Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee shows his support for the Forum and agree to request the Forum's Chair to arrange a meeting for early November and allow stakeholders to put forward items for the agenda."

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

(d) Mr. K. Smith

“Where is the £3 million pounds to fund the junction and the surrounding area coming from when there is a severe shortage of council money?”

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

(e) Ms. V. Paynter

"Cllrs from the King Alfred Project Board along with Cllrs on Policy & Resources have created and endorsed a planning brief which BHCC has now been put out to tender for the job of redeveloping that site.

To what extent and in what ways were Hove residents involved in the creation of the planning brief given to prospective developers?"

Councillor Bowden, Chair of the Economic, Development & Culture Committee will reply.

(f) Mr. N. Furness

“On my travels around Brighton & Hove recently, I have become aware of what to me appears to be, the totally needless destruction of a number of magnificent mature trees. These include yet another elm just inside the Western entrance to St. Anne's Well Gardens and three sycamores, two at the Floral Clock and one in the North-West corner of Brunswick Square.

Who is responsible for this apparent vandalism, Cllr. West, and why are you allowing it to continue?”

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

(g) Ms. L. Reid

“On a daily basis I witness anti-social and aggressive behaviour up and down George Street in Central Hove, associated with both street drinkers and other local drinkers either using or hanging around outside Weatherspoons Pub. I have yet to witness any Police patrolling regularly, far less any firm action being taken by them to address this growing problem.

Could the Leader of the Council assure me that he will bring what powers he has to bare on ensuring that we have a regular Police presence who are prepared to enforce the law regarding this anti-social problem?”

Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council will reply.

(h) Mr. P. Lowe

“Two years ago I was given assurances about air quality by yourself in your current capacity as Chair of Environment. Can you please confirm whether the air quality has improved or got worse and whether it is still breaching European regulations?”

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

(i) Ms. P. Mountain

“I understand that the Council has Empty Property Officers who work towards bringing unused/empty properties back into use. Does this include Commercial Properties and is progress monitored and published?”

Councillor Phillips, Deputy Chair of the Housing Committee will reply.