

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

(a) Councillor Druitt

“Can Cllr Robins confirm how many empty shops there are in the city, how this compares with historical trends and what the administration is doing to encourage businesses to open up for trade in these empty premises?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(b) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“Can the Chair outline what actions are taken by the City Council to ensure that companies and organisations using the Lawns for larger festivals:

- Keep to the times of their licensed activities;
- Respect the amenity of neighbouring residents for current and future events;
- Prevent damage to the fabric of the Lawns, or; if damage is done how mitigation for such damage is calculated
- How abuse of the Lawns is prevented over the longer term.”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(c) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

“Would the Chairman of the Economic Development & Culture Committee provide a complete breakdown of the current Section 106 fund with details on the overall balance, the individual amounts that have come from separate projects, any amounts outstanding and any amounts unspent?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(d) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

“In light of the Queen’s 90th birthdays (actual and official), can the Chairman of the Economic Development & Culture Committee outline why the beacon at Hove Lagoon was not lit and why, indeed, the Council took no part in organising any celebratory events in the City?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(e) Councillor Nemeth

“Will the Chairman of the Economic Development & Culture Committee explain why no representative of the Labour Administration attended meetings of the Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership over the past year?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(f) Councillor Nemeth

“What correspondence and meetings has the Chairman of the Economic Development and Culture Committee had with the new owners of the Palace Pier, the largest tourist attraction in the City, during his first month in office (12th May – 12th June 2016)?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(g) Councillor Nemeth

“Given the extremely long lead-in time that is associated with most major projects, and the fact that most of the current major projects were commenced some years ago, can the Chairman of the Economic Development & Culture Committee confirm if any new major projects have actually been initiated during the first year of Labour’s Administration?”

Reply from Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.