ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 30(b)

Brighton & Hove City Council

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 Member who asked a question may ask one relevant supplementary question which shall we put and answered without discussion.

(a) Councillor Nemeth

"Will the Chair provide comparative figures for the past two years (broken down by month) on (a) the length of time that it has taken to validate planning applications following arrival of application form (whether form is considered 'valid' or otherwise); (b) the number of applications where an applicant has been asked to grant a time extension; and (c) how (a) and (b) compare with national averages?"

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

(b) Councillor Nemeth

"Will the Chair will make a statement on the proliferation of plastic windows on the sides and rears of historic buildings in our Conservation Areas?"

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

(c) Councillor C. Theobald

"Will the Chair detail what public realm improvements are planned for the Regency Square area from allocated funds from the i360?"

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

(d) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

"Will the Chair detail what discussions he has held prior to the submission of this question regarding Small Business Saturday that is due to take place on 3rd December?"

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

(e) Councillor Peltzer Dunn

"Given the strong negative feelings of both the public and Councillors over the recent closure of the Dyke Road Tavern, what changes in planning policy and procedure does the Chair feel will mitigate the chance of a similar incident taking place, and what is his own position on what should happen next with regard to this specific incident?"

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

(f) Councillor Nemeth

"Will the Chair detail what changes he wishes to see that will increase the role of both Councillors and members of the public in the planning process?"

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

(g) Councillor C. Theobald

"What representations did the Chair make to Administration colleagues on the subject of Christmas parking in Brighton & Hove in support of our local businesses?"

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

(h) Councillor Nemeth

"Will the Chair detail how many minutes that it takes to send out an enforcement letter following receipt of a report of an illegal estate agent's board; how many complaints were received in the past year; and how much the fine is for a single board?"

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