

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 Committee.

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 a members of the public.

(a) Planning Policy and the Scheme of Delegation – Lynne Moss

“In relation to planning policy and the scheme of delegation, is it the responsibility of the Economic Development & Culture Committee or the Planning Committee or jointly to determine whether an existing Local Development Plan policy may be negated and explain the reason for the decision?”

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

(b) Planning Policy and Air Pollution in Rottingdean High Street – Nigel Smith

“Have the Economic Development & Culture Committee in terms of policy and the Planning Committee in terms of application of policy determined what level of increase in air pollution is acceptable for Rottingdean High Street relating to additional traffic generated by B&HCC planning applications and any cross border developments which might impact? Any such levels of increase need to be assessed on both an individual application, a cumulative impact and a time phased (impact over a 12 month period. This is only going to be effective where post “application approval” changes are monitored. If not, can the related committees provide a timeframe within which such guidance will be available?”

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

(c) Planning Policy and Pre-Application Advice – Sean Flanagan

“If an officer in planning pre application discussions agreed an approach (in writing or otherwise) to an application with an applicant which is contrary to a

policy as expressed in the Local Development Plan – in this case City Plan 1, is this agreement binding on the council in the persona of the relevant Sub-Committee?”

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

(d) Digitisation of the Newspapers, County Archivist – Tim Carder

“In January 2015 the County Archivist told users of The Keep that digitisation of the city’s newspapers had been completed, but that there was an IT problem in presenting the data. This project is of huge significance for local history in the city, allowing historians to find important needles in haystacks.

Will you kindly tell me:

- a) What has happened to the project and the IT problems;
- b) How much has been spent on the project;
- c) What plans there are for releasing this wealth of history in searchable form for the benefit of residents?”

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