

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.

1. QUESTION From: Valerie Paynter

I am informed by Streamline Taxis that this Council refuses to allow hydraulic lifts on Wheelchair Access Vehicles used by the taxi trade. Can you explain why not please?

Councillor O'Quinn, Chair of the Licensing Committee will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree

Would Councillor Daniel please tell us whether the proposed nursery at Hove's Carnegie Library has opened?

Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness

Now that the replacement of the Aquarium Roundabout with yet more traffic lights at a T junction has been approved by your Committee, Cllr. Mitchell, would you care to enlighten us as to the ramifications this poses for events such as the Old Crocks Rally and the Speed Trials, amongst others, in Madeira Drive?

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

4. QUESTION From: Carl Taylor

In reference to your statement at the previous full council meeting on free speech and hate speech, could you clarify for the public what your definitions of free speech and hate speech are?

Councillor Yates, Leader of the Council will reply.

5. QUESTION From: Hannah Clare

Will the Administration assure the residents of the city of their commitment to equality and continuing the recommendations of the fairness commission?

Councillor Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee will reply.

6. QUESTION From: Steve Parry

At the last meeting of the Full Council Councillor Marsh responded fluently, comprehensively, and positively to the deputation on Transparency, Accountability & Community Involvement. Unfortunately the draft minutes of the meeting do not reflect what was said by either the deputation or Councillor Marsh as can be confirmed by viewing the webcast of 18 October. Could this be explained or clarified together with the reasons for item 53 on the agenda which both pre-empts and contradicts the commitments made by Councillor Marsh on 18 October?

Councillor Marsh, Chair of the Constitution Working Group will reply.

7. QUESTION From: Vic Borrill

This week the Food Research Collaboration at the Centre of Food Policy the UK's experts on food policy wrote to all Local Authorities recommending that they should prepare Food Brexit Plans and provided guidance on why and what this should cover and who should be involved. Is Brighton & Hove City Council preparing such a plan?

<https://mailchi.mp/cb2b87a83caa/localauthorities?e=44caed2b36>

Councillor Barford, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board will reply.

8. QUESTION From: Cathy Biggs

Over one hundred responses were submitted in the consultation exercise on modernising the beach hut licence. These responses rejected as unreasonable the substantive changes proposed. In light of this what plans are now under consideration, apart from making no changes at all, in relation to the licence terms and conditions?

Councillor Platts, Deputy Chair of the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee will reply.