

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

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

**(a) Councillor G. Theobald**

“In view of the welcome changes to local government finance which mean that councils such as Brighton & Hove will retain half of any increase in business rate income from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, does the Leader of the Council agree with me that it is vitally important for council tax payers that the Council does all it can to ensure that all businesses in the city are paying their full business rates as assessed by the Valuation Office?

Would the Leader of the Council also please advise me what was the rateable value, and consequently business rate paid by the Co-op on their London Road store (a) for the last full financial year of operation prior to closure in 2007; and (b) during each of the financial years since 2007 that the property has been left vacant?”

**Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council**

