

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS****(a) Councillor Kitcat**

“Can Cllr Theobald detail in what circumstances residents or their landlords are charged by CityClean for the provision of receptacles for:

1. Waste collection,
2. Recycling collection?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(b) Councillor Kitcat**

“Can Cllr Theobald detail the total amount spent by his department on purchases of communal bins in the financial year 2008/9 and also provide the per unit cost paid by the council for each type of model of bin including those with and without foot pedals?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(c) Councillor Steedman**

“The Valley Gardens, stretching from the Level to the Old Steine, are a much-loved leisure resource for residents and the gateway to the city for many visitors, yet they are in a poor state of repair, isolated and divided by heavy traffic flows, inaccessible to pedestrians and choked by air and noise pollution. Fortunately the Council’s Local Transport Plan outlines a programme of works to transform the Valley Gardens into a fantastic new public space. A revitalised Valley Gardens would reconnect the islands of green space to create a new, accessible public park flowing down to the sea, and prioritise coherent pedestrian and cycling routes, as well as bus transport. It could integrate playgrounds, informal recreation, wildlife gardens and urban food growing. Can the Cabinet Member for the Environment reconfirm that they are committed to delivering this programme, with works beginning in this electoral term?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(d) Councillor Davey**

“Would the Cabinet Member for Environment agree that it is vital that the local authority lead the way and make every effort to encourage its staff to travel by sustainable means such as walking, cycling and by public transport both to work and during the working day wherever possible?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(e) Councillor Davis**

“Can the Cabinet member for Culture Recreation and Sports outline what steps are being taken to address the gaps identified in the recent Brighton and Hove Sports audit namely that Swimming, Indoor sports i.e. Badminton, Basketball, Volley ball, Indoor Bowls, and public access fitness activities are all lagging behind when compared to other Local Authorities’ provision.”

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

**(f) Councillor Marsh**

“Would the Cabinet Member for Children’s’ Services agree with me that the identification of Government resources to be used in improving the fabric of our schools and helping the local economy is always welcome?”

**Reply from Councillor Mrs Brown, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

**(g) Councillor Kitcat**

“Could Cllr Geoffrey Theobald clarify that in his response to my question on communal bin fire safety of 29th January 2009 he does indeed say that the Fire Authority has told the council through cabinet member Cllr Kemble that it has no concerns over the communal bins?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(h) Councillor Kitcat**

“Can Cllr Geoffrey Theobald provide a list of the type and models of communal bins used by CityClean in the city and any other local authorities which use those types and models?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(i) Councillor Kitcat**

“Could Cllr Geoffrey Theobald detail how many streets or parts of streets have been switched from weekly to fortnightly recycling collections? Could details of how these and other waste collection and recycling changes were planned be detailed?”

**Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment**

**(j) Councillor McCaffery**

"I am sure all councillors appreciate the weekly information on English Gypsy, Irish Travellers and New Age Travellers In the city, but we lack information on progress on the establishment of 14 pitches, the number identified by SEERA and progress in East and West Sussex who already have 6 sites and 32 pitches and 10 sites and 106 pitches respectively. Both councils are required to add additional sites and pitches.

Would Cllr Mears please inform the Council what consultation has taken place with Travellers and their support organisations on size and location of the pitches, what consultation has taken or will take place with residents and what information is being given to all Councillors and whether any additional information will be given to the planning committee?"

**Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council**

**(k) Councillor Mitchell**

"Can the Cabinet Member set out the spending in the current financial year and for the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/11 on the maintenance for sports changing rooms at council run and managed recreation grounds (i.e. Victoria Park Portslade, Patcham Place, Horsdean, Old Boat Corner, East Brighton Park, Waterhall, Braypool) where both football and cricket are played."

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

**(l) Councillor Mitchell**

"Can the Cabinet Member set out the spending plans for the maintenance and improvement of cricket pitches at council run and managed facilities over the last financial year and the next two years and what plans have the administration got to improve changing room facilities over the next two years."

**Reply from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

**(m) Councillor Fryer**

"What percentage of eligible residents have taken up the Warm Front scheme and what percentage of the population of Brighton & Hove does this represent?"

**Reply from Councillor Caufield, Cabinet Member for Housing**

**(n) Councillor Hawkes**

“Would the Cabinet member for Children’s services explain why on 4th March, when the Government published the list of Local Authorities that had received myplace funding, Brighton and Hove was not listed. This is a grant which was earmarked as a 100% funded grant to improve the 67 Centre in Moulsecoomb. Did this Conservative led council miss out on much needed government funding for local youth services because the administration deviated from the government guidelines when applying for the bid?”

**Reply from Councillor Mrs Brown, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

**(o) Councillor Wakefield-Jarrett**

“Could the cabinet member for Central Services tell me what proportion of suspected benefit fraud cases are pursued in ways other than through the courts, and how this compares to national trends for action by local authorities where benefit fraud is suspected.”

**Reply from Councillor Fallon-Khan, Cabinet Member for Central Services**