

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.

(a) Mr Ian Elkin

"Hove Town Hall Housing Benefit. To reopen will cost almost nothing. By opening it 3 days a week (Mon - Wed - Fri) from 10am to 4pm, and I am sure either using staff from King's House or Hove Town Hall to staff it. All it would cost is a few hours, a photocopy machine, and Brighton Town Hall will not be so busy. In Hove there are a number of old people (80's & 90's) that find it difficult to get to East Street, nearly three miles away. Including in this the flat I live in, there are 7 flats (there is a 92 year old, a 84 year old, a 82 year old)."

Councillor Fallon-Khan, Cabinet Member for Central Services will reply.

(b) Mr Christopher Hawtree

"Could Councillor Smith please tell us when work will begin on providing the Jubilee Library with the much-needed, well-filled proper shelving for whose illumination more than two hundred electrical outlets were installed across the ground floor?"

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Tourism will reply.

(c) Mr Peter Poole

"Last year, leaflets distributed to residents in East Brighton announced the coming of street bins in the summer of 2009. An illustration showed a bin with a pedal-operated lid, yet rumour suggests those installed will lack this facility and be of inferior design. Will Cllr Theobald state the prices of each design, and the overall saving envisaged by this apparent cutback?"

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.

(d) Ms Valerie Paynter

"Can the Administration confirm to me, please, that Corporate Objectives do not take precedence over any legal instruments such as Acts of Parliament, or over-ride adopted long-term policies such as The Local Plan, or the emerging Local Development Framework as this would obviously compromise the integrity and effectiveness of professionally trained officers and their recommendations?"

Councillor Hyde, Chairman of the Planning Committee will reply.

(e) Ms P E Tompkins

"What is the duty of the BHCC to protect the home environment of the public, singular or otherwise?"

Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment will reply.