ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 68 (b)

15 March 2016

Brighton & Hove City Council

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(ii) Communal refuse consultation: Palmeira Square and Adelaide Crescent-David Ward

"In reference to the possible communal bins proposed for Palmeira Square & Adelaide Crescent, "Heritage area of the City". Will the Council consider screening around the bins, in order to preserve the character of the area. This could be Evergreen Hedging for example".

(iii) Communal refuse in heritage areas- Thomas Chavasse

"Noting unsustainable presumptions as a basis for seeking permission to reconsult on communal bins, committee is asked to recall the strong heritage advice given to council and the outcome of 2008 in-depth debates on safety and assessments of bin locations and to confirm that:

The over-exaggerated health and safety claims are dismissed and the well-established systems retained. Nothing has or needs to change in these densely populated heritage areas and the officers are harking back to a lost cause and their report even presumes an outcome which omits consideration of retaining the well-established status quo. So why consult?"

(iv) Communal refuse consultation: Palmeira Square and Adelaide Crescent - Mike Kingston

"Will the Council withdraw proposal 70 whilst:

- An independent financial assessment of the policy is carried out to accompany any proposal. This assessment to include the financial benefits of properly maintaining the conservation and historic areas of Brighton and Hove.
- 2. A proper consultation is carried out as promised by council officers in a public meeting and confirmed by way of email from City Clean dated 11 July 2012".

(v) Communal refuse consultation:-Fiona Bower

"A senior Council officer advised at least one local residents' group that the Council would consult on whether to have communal bins in seafront squares with listed building status. Where they would be situated would have been a secondary question. There was no reference to black sack kerbside collections. Can the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee now give assurance that the communal bins consultation will adhere to conservation advice and guidance, given the Grade I Listed status of Brunswick Square and Terrace?"

(vi) Saltdean Oval toilets:-Cathy Gallagher

"Can we in Saltdean have your assurance that there will be no change to the status of the Saltdean Oval toilets without full community consultation with both residents and ward councillors. Furthermore can you confirm that the information on which the recommendation for closure was made has been independently verified and can you supply full documented details?

If the recommendation for closure was not based on verified information, what was the basis of the decision? Was it purely financial?"