

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answer detailed below. The Councillor asking the question may then ask one relevant supplementary question which shall be put and answered without discussion. A second supplementary question may be asked by any other Member of the Council which shall also be put and answered without discussion:

**(a) Councillor Kitcat**

"Could Cllr Theobald provide the Cabinet meeting with details of the 'stopper' that I'm told is going to be fitted to communal bins without foot pedals? Could he provide:

- A description of this stopper and any accompanying changes;
- A drawing, schematic and/or photograph of the proposed addition;
- A timescale for the fitting of the stopper;
- And the estimated cost of adding these stoppers to all bins without foot pedals?"

**Response from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

"I think the Councillor is referring to a mechanism which will stop the lid of the communal bins flipping back so far it can't be pulled shut by a person. I have enclosed a photograph which shows one in situ and shows how it works. You can also, if you wish, inspect them in Church Road, Blatchington Road and Sackville Road, and then report back to us with further in-depth questions on its mechanical effectiveness.

We don't have a timescale for the roll out of the mechanism or costs as yet, as we are in the 'testing' rather than 'launch' phase, but when we do have this information I will ensure you have it."

**(b) Councillor Kitcat**

"Could Cllr Theobald provide the litres of fuel used per month by CityClean for waste collection in January, February and March 2008 and also for January, February and March 2009?"

**Response from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.**

A written response will be provided.

**(c) Councillor Randall**

“Can Councillor Caulfield confirm that joint tenancies are available to civil partners in Brighton and Hove?”

**Response from Councillor Caulfield, Cabinet Member for Housing.**

“Civil Partners are treated exactly the same as a heterosexual married couple for all Housing Management purposes. This includes the granting of joint tenancies to new council tenants.”