

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

(a) Councillor Druitt

“Can Councillor Hamilton explain how the government's £300m business rates discretionary fund will be split between local councils, how local businesses will be able to access the Council's discretionary scheme and what provision can the Council make to ensure the small businesses who face unaffordable increases [from the 1st](#) April are supported while the council's discretionary scheme is being set up.”

Reply from Councillor Hamilton – Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee

(b) Councillor Druitt

“Since Deliveroo has started predominantly using motorcycles rather than pedal cycles it has become both a nuisance and a danger to residents in the city, especially the city centre. I have had reports from many residents, fed up with delivery motorbikes going the wrong way along one way streets, using pavements and cycle paths, and weaving between bollards designed to stop traffic. What enforcement options does the council have, how often are these used, and can the Council invite Deliveroo's Chief Executive to Brighton & Hove to agree concrete actions to address the problem?”

Reply from Councillor O'Quinn – Chair of the Licensing Committee

(c) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“Given the extent to which last summer was marked by anti-social behaviour in the city centre parks and squares -and in my ward, in Norfolk, Brunswick and Palmeira Squares- what plans does the Labour administration have to ensure anti-social behaviour is minimised?”

Reply from Councillor Daniel – Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee

(d) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“Given that Hove's historic seafront railings and shelters make an important contribution to the city's visual identity, when will the Labour administration agree to have them painted?”

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(e) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“With summer almost upon us once again, how will the Labour administration be preventing littering on our seafront?”

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(f) Councillor Wealls

“To ask the Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee to work with officers to complete the attached spreadsheet for each meeting of the NCE Committee listed stating how many papers (not petitions/presentations etc.), were presented FOR DECISION and how many FOR NOTING at this committee and how many of the papers presented were considered at other council committees?”

Reply from Councillor Daniel – Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee

(g) Councillor G. Theobald

“Councillor Cattell will no doubt be aware that Southwark has become the second London Borough, after Wandsworth, to remove permitted development rights from all their pubs thereby providing formal protection from demolition or redevelopment as mini-supermarkets, estate agents, homes or shops. Given the previous commitment by this Labour Administration to look into the possibility of bringing in a similar measure in Brighton & Hove, will Councillor Cattell please tell me how this work is proceeding and whether a report will be brought before the Economic Development & Culture Committee in the near future?”

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

(h) Councillor C. Theobald

“Will Councillor Mitchell please tell me how often the Norton Road Car Park gets cleaned under the terms of the current contract and how often is its state of cleanliness monitored?”

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(i) Councillor C. Theobald

“Will the Chair of the Planning Committee please confirm whether or not it is the Council’s policy not to publish the addresses of supporters of, and objectors to, planning applications and, if so, how can residents have confidence that these supporters and objectors are from the local area and who’s views are therefore valid?”

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

(j) Councillor Wealls

“Following the Assistant Director of Property & Design’s helpful description to the recent Policy, Resources & Growth Committee of the criteria for assessing bids to the Council’s Asset Management Fund, would the Lead Member for Finance & Resources please further confirm (i) when, and by what process, these criteria were agreed; (ii) what the process is for determining the overall size of the Fund; and (iii) what Member oversight there is of (i), (ii) and of the Asset Management Fund as a whole?”

Reply from Councillor Hamilton – Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee

(k) Councillor G. Theobald

“Councillor Daniel will no doubt be aware of the concept of ‘Community Fridges’ which have been introduced in places such as Brixton and Frome to try and help make use of the scandalous amount of fresh food that is wasted in this country on a daily basis. I have been told by the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership that there is interest in setting up a Community Fridge in Brighton & Hove and so will Councillor Daniel please pledge this Council’s support to the project and provide any assistance they may need to get it up and running?”

Reply from Councillor Daniel – Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee

(l) Councillor Drutt

The Council's website currently says "Councillors agreed at that meeting [Budget Council 2016] to give the [Play] service a one-off payment of £75,000 for this financial year to support the transition and to explore alternative funding options.

As we all know the Play service closed last December with no transition in place. I have been working with one of the Playbus team members to try and revive the service but what has become clear is that the money was spent last year not on transitioning but on normal service delivery. I would like to know why this money was not spent on transitioning the service to an independent service, what the council can now do to rectify this with respect to the Playbus, and what the council can do to make sure this misdirection of financial resources does not happen again.

Reply from Councillor Chapman – Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee

