Council	Agenda Item 45
13 December 2018	Brighton & Hove City Council

# 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:

# (1) Councillor: Page

What is the relative availability of studios/ one-bedroom council flats to bigger homes in the last period, when numbers in the highest category of housing need on the waiting list are factored in?

Reply from Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee

# (2) Councillor Mears

Rough sleeping figures in Brighton and Hove have increased by over 400% from 41 in 2014 since coming into Administration to 178 in 2017. At the Housing & New Homes Committee meeting on the 14th November, item 40. Appendix 1 listed 16 support services in Brighton & Hove, not including St Mungo's. What work has this administration undertaken with all the groups to evaluate outcomes supporting the most vulnerable in the city, and on this basis I wonder how the Chair of Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities & Equalities Committee feels her Party's 'rough sleeper strategy' can possibly succeed in eradicating rough sleeping by 2020?

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

## (3) Councillor Barnett

I would like to highlight the important work undertaken by the previous Adult Care & Health Committee to forge cross party agreement for the benefit of residents during its time of operation until 2014. Now, with the imminent Green Paper on social care for adults which is due to detail proposals regarding integration with health and other services, carers, workforce and technological developments, among others, could Councillor Barford as the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board confirm that any discussion on this important issue will be cross-party, and if she would agree to forming a working group or, the preferred choice for the Conservative group, reinstate the Adult Care & Health Committee to study the proposals?

Reply from Councillor Barford, Chair of the Health & wellbeing Board

# (4) Councillor Page

What is the annualised cost of the Hackney Carriage (aka taxi) unmet need/ demand survey? Please also express this as a percentage of the taxi - not Private Hire Vehicle ("minicab") - licensing and enforcement budget.

## Reply from Councillor O'Quinn, Chair of the Licensing Committee

## (5) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Since 2015 per year how many fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, fly-tipping, flyposting, disposing of commercial waste illegally and littering respectively have been issued in Brunswick and Adelaide?

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

## (6) Councillor Mac Cafferty

Since 2015 per year how many offenders have refused to pay any fine in Brunswick and Adelaide? How many have faced a penalty?

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

## (7) Councillor Mac Cafferty

How many blocked gully grating incidents have been reported in Brunswick and Adelaide since 2015? How many of these have been down to leaf-fall?

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

## (8) Councillor Gibson

Can you confirm that in November 2018 the administration decided to undertake a rough sleeper count rather than the more usual estimate? And please can provide details of how much greater in average percentage terms rough sleeper estimates have been than rough sleeper counts in Brighton and Hove averaged for all the years when both measures were undertaken?

Reply from Councillor Moonan, Lead Member for Rough Sleeping.

# (9) Councillor Gibson

Please can you provide figures for the HMO licences achieved by the end of the first 5 year (April 2018) licence period of HMO licensing for the 5 Lewes road wards, providing details of:

- i) How many full licences were issued?
- ii) How many conditional licences were issued?
- A breakdown of the conditions for improvement of the properties by category of improvement; for example for fire safety, fuel efficiency, and poor conditions giving the numbers of properties requiring improvement for each category
- iv) A breakdown for the above categories giving the numbers of conditions that have been satisfied and the number that are outstanding.

Reply from Councillor Meadows – Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee

## (10) Councillor Gibson

As on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, please can you provide the total number of households in temporary accommodation broken down numerically between different categories of Private Sector Leased accommodation, Bed and breakfast, directly with a PRS landlord, LA and RSL TA stock, and other TA as is set out in the Housing Statistical bulletin Annual review?

Reply from Councillor Meadows – Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee