

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by Members.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from Members:

(i) Councillor Wares- Food waste trial

“Will the food waste trial use diesel vehicles to transport the waste to the anaerobic digester in Basingstoke to create electricity? If so, please can the Chair confirm how the treatment of food waste in Basingstoke offsets the additional carbon pollution produced by the vehicles compared to burning the waste in Newhaven?”

(ii) Councillor Wares- Hourbike

“Please can the Chair confirm that Hourbike’s profit share debt to the City has now been paid?”

(iii) Councillor Wares- BikeShare Scheme

“The council recently spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on buying electric ready bikes for the bike share scheme. Please can the Chair confirm when they will be fully operational?”

(iv) Councillor Wares- BikeShare Scheme

“As the bikes for the bikeshare scheme have been built in China and then transported over via Europe, can the Chair please confirm how many miles each bike must be cycled to offset the carbon footprint cost of manufacturing in China and transportation?”

(v) Councillor Wares- Hollingdean Depot

“No doubt the fire at the Hollingdean depot had an impact on the massive delays and missed refuse and recycling collections throughout the City. Although recent advice also blames rubbish caught up in the mechanisms of vehicles apparently designed to transport rubbish and sudden staff shortages through sickness that suggests deeper problems. We are approaching half way through the modernisation programme. Please will the Chair give a date by when this misery of missed refuse and recycling will end and promise to meet that date no matter what?”

(vi) Councillor Wares- Environmental Enforcement

“Since the “litter cop” service was brought in-house in March please can the Chair advise, by each month, how many enforcement officers were employed specifically excluding supervisors and managers?”

(vii) Councillor Wares- Fly posting

“Please could the Chair, whilst agreeing that fly posting is a blight on our city, advise what measures are being taken to deal with the culprits”

(viii) Councillor Heley- Changing the name of the ET&S Committee

“Considering that the council has declared a climate emergency, the name of this committee should reflect the work that it must undertake to address the climate emergency and to achieve a carbon neutral city by 2030. The word ‘sustainability’ suggests that we can keep things as they are therefore does not reflect the urgency of the climate crisis. Would the chair consider changing the name of this committee to reflect that, for example to “Environment, Transport and Climate Emergency?”

(ix) Councillor Heley- Youth Strike for Climate

“The Global Strike for climate on the 20th of September was the biggest climate protest history has ever seen. At home in Brighton and Hove, an incredible 10,000 people took to the streets to demand radical climate action. Would the chair agree to arrange a meeting with myself and the climate strikers, to discuss their demands, and see how they can be involved in the Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee going forward?”

(x) Councillor Heley- Car Free Day

“As we all know, Brighton and Hove City Council did not hold a car free day this year. Events in London and Hastings, for example, prove what an amazing opportunity car free day is to demonstrate the benefits of active travel and cleaner air as a result of road closures. It was great to see Extinction Rebellion close part of the Old Steine to make their own car free day. When Leader of the council Nancy Platts was asked why Brighton and Hove council had not done anything for car free day, her answer was because the council were focussed on arrangements for the youth strike for climate a few days before, which is a different response to the one the Chair gave in the last meeting of this committee. Could the chair clarify the reasons that car free day did not go ahead, and join me in asking officers to start making arrangements for car free day 2020?”