

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Policy & Resources Committee

## Agenda Item 5(b)

**Subject: Public Involvement – Written Questions**

**Date of meeting: 7 July 2022**

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

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 of the public:

1. Loss of Facilities at Hove Lagoon

Name: Sue Johnson, Friends of Hove Lagoon

Why is Hove Lagoon set to lose facilities under the Kingsway to the Sea project and gain nothing except for refurbished toilets that were agreed anyway, despite huge levels of input and co-operation from the Friends of Hove Lagoon from the outset?

2. Hove Lagoon Gym

Name: Alex Evans

Would the council care to explain why, when as a City we have faced a health emergency which has highlighted the importance of health and fitness more than ever before, twinned with an economic crisis which is massively affecting disposable income and the ability for many to pay for gym memberships, that we are reducing the number of free to access fitness facilities and not providing new amenities to make healthy choices an easy choice for the city's population?

3. Tennis Provision

Name: Rose Hetherton

Will Councillors back residents and tennis players in calling for a pause for reflection, further consultation and design tweaks so that the tennis offering of the Kingsway to the Sea project can make the most of the available opportunities?

4. Name: Cathy Biggs, Hove Beach Hut Association

Beach Hut Concerns

What assurances can the Council offer to owners of beach huts that the removal of green space and the intensification of the western pitch and putt lawn will not lead to noise, disturbance and vandalism?

5. Fresh water and bushes

Name: Jeff Scott

Improved “biodiversity” is a stated outcome for Kingsway to the Sea project, how is this reconciled with both the destruction of the only existing publicly provided freshwater (70 year old pond/fountain) for bird wildlife on the whole of (Brighton AND) Hove seafront AND the decimation of the “perennial planting(s)” of Hove’s famous bird, insect & wildlife ‘Green Wall’?