

Brighton & Hove City Council

Transport & Sustainability Committee

Agenda Item 11(b)

Subject: Written Questions

Date of meeting: 6 July 2023

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) Parking cards- Susan Gorman

Can residents and visitors buy a scratch card type pay to park card, to be used in pay to park bays? This will do away with the need for technology and can be purchased in advance and scratched off to show date, time, zone etc. This will be a more inclusive solution and can be used alongside the app and account system

(2) Bus diversion- Greg McTaggart

I live on Montpelier Road and am amongst those most severely impacted by the Western Road bus diversions. In correspondence with the former and current Regency Ward councillors they talk of “considering the views of stakeholders”. There seem to me five primary stakeholders – residents on the diversion, other residents, B&H buses, RJ Dance and the Council. Please provide a list of stakeholder meetings held with each group since 9 January 2023, the date the diversion started.

(3) Greenways- Ben Carr

I am a farmer in Ovingdean producing food that is eaten by residents in the city. For years, crops in one of my fields have been damaged by people who stay in their camper vans on the road called Greenways and the problem is getting worse. Please could Greenways be designated a No Overnight Camping road or something else that is enforceable with fines?

(4) Net Zero 2030- Miranda Whelehan

Will the newly formed council stay true to the existing net zero by 2030 target, and if so what SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound) targets will be put in place with clear lines of designated responsibility for the implementation of these targets in order to rapidly reduce carbon emissions over the next 4 years?

(5) Climate emergency- Hermione Berendt

Will the council seek to provide timely and transparent information to the public in public settings (i.e. beyond on the council's own website) on the declared climate emergency, co-develop more ambitious plans with the numerous willing local community groups and collaborate with these groups to implement its carbon reduction plan, and if not why not?

(6) Carbon reduction- Martin Gardener

Has the council fully costed its carbon reduction plans, has funding for its plans been sourced and ringfenced, and will the annual Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Investment Fund (SCRIF) be spent on supporting the installation renewable energy in households struggling with the cost of living crisis or in support of persons/groups particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts, or if not what will it be spent on and why?