

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**(a) Councillor Carden**

"Can the Cabinet Member of Environment confirm that assisted collections of waste for older and disabled people are continuing to be updated and adhered to when relief crews are sent to collect refuse and recycling?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(b) Councillor Meadows

"Before 1996 when highways were under the control of East Sussex County Council, there was a by-law that allowed for police and council traffic officers to remove cars parked on grass verges. Would Brighton and Hove City Council look into reinstating this by-law so that it could also include cycle lanes, as well as grass verges?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(c) Councillor Hawkes

"Would the Cabinet Member for Children's Services welcome the Government scheme to provide free laptops and internet to children from low income families - I'm aware that some schools have sent information to families that have children that benefit from free school meals regarding free laptops, but please may the Cabinet Member confirm that this is the case for all schools?"

Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

(d) Councillor Mitchell

"In response to concerns from East Brighton Ward Councillors over the lack of action to regenerate Madeira Drive, Councillor Geoffrey Theobald brought a report to his Environment Cabinet Member Meeting in September 2008 that stated that longer term aims for the regeneration of the area would be drawn up.

A similar report to his Cabinet Member Meeting of 26th March 2009 included as recommendation 2.3;

That the Cabinet Member for Environment requests officers to bring to a future Cabinet Member Meeting a report detailing the strategic vision action plan to address the future and ongoing regeneration of Madeira Drive.

Specifically in relation to the land to the East of the Yellowwave Beach Sports Centre, Councillor Theobald took the decision at this meeting to set out a marketing brief for the site, to proceed with the marketing, seeking expressions of interest in May 2009.

As no further reports on the administration's proposals for the regeneration of Madeira Drive have been forthcoming, will Councillor Theobald inform the council as to where the administration's "strategic vision action plan" is, whether the site East of Yellowwave was ever marketed and what the outcome was?"

Reply from Councillor G Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(e) Councillor Davis

"Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment outline the details and the time scale he proposes for the budget of £.03m set aside to examine and implement improved school signing along the Old Shoreham Road?"

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(f) Councillor Elgood

"Would the Environment Cabinet member consider authorising the removal of the unused gardeners hut in Adelaide Crescent? Residents have requested its removal as it is no longer required, and the hut itself could potentially be used elsewhere to benefit another area."

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(g) Councillor Hamilton

"In a letter in The Argus, Feb.25th, signed by the five Conservative councillors for Portslade and Hangleton, it is claimed that my view on the future of Hangleton Bottom is the same as theirs. I am pleased that they share my view that Hangleton Bottom should not be used as a waste transfer station but should be retained as a green field site. Since all Portslade and Hangleton councillors now share this viewpoint will Cllr Fallon-Khan now call a halt to his ill-advised marketing exercise and agree to retain Hangleton Bottom in council ownership?"

Reply from Councillor Fallon-Khan, Cabinet Member for Central Services.

(h) Councillor Kitcat

“How long does Cllr Dee Simson feel it is appropriate disabled residents should have to wait to catch a taxi in this city?”

Reply from Councillor Simson, Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion and Internal Relations.

(i) Councillor Kitcat

“I ask that Cllr Geoffrey Theobald update the meeting with the recycling rates for the city centre areas where communal bins are used and how those rates have changed in recent years?”

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(j) Councillor Kitcat

“I ask that Cllr Geoffrey Theobald explain how many evening noise patrol shifts does the council provide in this financial year and how many shifts are planned to be provided in the next financial year?”

Reply from Councillor Theobald, Cabinet Member for Environment.

(k) Councillor Fryer

“How can you justify submitting plans to the DCSF to turn Portslade Community College into an Academy before there was consultation with teachers, residents and other councillors?”

Reply from Councillor Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

(l) Councillor Davey

“Could the Leader of the Council please tell us how much has been spent in total by the council on the development of plans and the public consultation for the Old Shoreham Road cycle lane including both internal staff costs and external consultants as well as any other costs.?”

Reply from Councillor Mears, Leader of the Council.

(m) Councillor Simson

“As Brighton & Hove City Council’s sole representative on the Sussex Police Authority (SPA), Cllr. Duncan frequently claims to have been instrumental in overseeing an increase in the number of Neighbourhood Police Officers employed by the Force. Could he, therefore, explain to Council and the residents of this City, why, at the SPA meeting on February 11th, he voted against the Chief Constable’s budget proposals which will expand neighbourhood policing in Sussex to the tune of 31 extra officers?”

Reply from Councillor Duncan, Council Representative on the Sussex Police Authority.