

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers which will be included in an addendum that will be circulated at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Brown

“Figures supplied by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) show that the number of people volunteering in libraries increased nationally from 23,397 in the year to the end of March 2012 to 33,808 in 2013. How many people currently volunteer in Brighton and Hove’s public libraries?”

Reply from Councillor Bowden, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.

(b) Councillor A. Norman

“Does the Council have any plans to take part in the Royal British Legion’s Centenary Poppy Campaign?”

Reply from Councillor Jarrett, Chair of the Adult Care & Health Committee.

(c) Councillor Mitchell

“Given the continuing chaotic recycling and refuse collection services and the fact that it has come to light that the Green Administration is, after all, making special productivity payments to Cityclean staff, can the Leader of the Council provide the following information;

- a) A month by month breakdown of the separate costs of the refuse and recycling services from April 2012 including all elements such as use of agency staff, additional vehicle hire, special productivity payments and additional payments for week-end working.
- b) Can he state the separate, total numbers of refuse and recycling staff and how many of these staff have worked in the separate services on Saturdays since Christmas?

What are the terms for the payment of the £1,200 productivity payments?”

Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council.

(d) Councillor Pissaridou

“If the Council’s lead spokesperson on Transport will provide a breakdown of the cost of installing and maintaining a “light touch” parking scheme, detailing how the cost is attributed to each aspect of the scheme and what revenue, from whatever source, funds such a scheme, where parking is restricted for two hours a day between the hours on 10-11am and 7-8pm every day.

In addition, if he will also confirm how much parking permits cost and how many have been sold in the existing light touch schemes across the City.”

Reply from Councillor Davey, Lead Member for Transport.

(e) Councillor Janio

“Could the Leader of the Council explain the measures being taken towards ensuring that Individual Electoral Registration is on schedule across the city, given that it was not possible to cross check a high percentage of the electoral roll in several wards e.g. 25% of voters in St. Peters & North Laine?”

Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council.

(f) Councillor G. Theobald

“Given the Administration’s new found but belated enthusiasm for exploring alternative models of Council service delivery, will the Leader of the Council commit today to bidding for funding under the Government’s new Delivering Differently Challenge fund which provides support and cash for councils wishing to create mutual and social enterprises?”

Reply from Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council

(g) Councillor Brown

“Can we have confirmation that the Hove Open Bowls Tournament will be held as usual this July?”

Reply from Councillor Bowden, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.