

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

(a) Councillor Phillips

"At the meeting of Full Council on the 20th October, the Green Group's amendment to the Fast-Track Cities Notice of Motion was passed. Please could Councillor Yates update me on progress since that meeting, especially around putting a plan in place to achieve this work and launching an investigation into the impact of the 20% cut in HIV support services?"

Reply from Councillor Yates – Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board

(b) Councillor C. Theobald

"Will the Chair of Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee outline the frequency in which the city's parking machines are emptied, how many recorded instances of these machines being blocked or full were reported in 2016 and how long it took to subsequently unblock them?"

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee

(c) Councillor G. Theobald

"Whilst I note the Unions financial support for his Party and consequentially the reluctance of his Party nationally to criticise the Unions, what efforts has the Leader of the Council made to the RMT and ASLEF Trade Unions to convey the effect of their strikes on the residents and businesses of our City and bring pressure to bear to end the dispute in light of the fact that they are striking when not one of their members is losing their job or losing any salary?"

Reply from Councillor Morgan – Leader of the Council

(d) Councillor Nemeth

"How many members of staff have resigned from their posts in the Planning Department (a) between May 2015 and now; and (b) a similar period preceding May 2015; and how does (a) compare in percentage terms with other comparable teams (i.e. administrative) within the Council?"

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

(e) Councillor Janio

“Will the Administration please identify and quantify all the funding streams and programmes, including those of partner agencies that are available to help street sleepers and the wider street community (as distinct from the overall homelessness budget) in the city?”

Reply from Councillor Moonan – Deputy Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee

(f) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“In December the Local Government Ombudsman found the London Borough of Southwark had failed for years to monitor whether developers were providing promised social housing in accordance with Section 106 Agreements. In essence this has meant that the London Borough of Southwark has no procedure to ensure that social rented housing approved by the Council’s planning committee is actually being delivered. Can the Labour Administration assure us with adequate evidence that this will not be the case in Brighton and Hove? In order that Brighton and Hove avoids such an outcome, can the administration outline (a) how they will properly check compliance with housing provision conditions under Section 106 Agreements and (b) explain what auditing they are conducting throughout the city to check compliance with Section 106 Agreements after completion of developments?”

Reply from Councillor Cattell – Chair of the Planning Committee

(g) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“According to FOI request 7141: *Council Tax Recovery* In the last year Brighton and Hove City Council officers organised an eye-watering 5,567 “enforcement agent visits.” Can the Labour Administration outline (1) the costs to the council of using this quantity of bailiff visits, (2) what this vast number of bailiffs were needed for and (3) why of this quantity of visits, 22 families had their belongings taken?”

Reply from Councillor Hamilton – Deputy Chair (Finance) of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee

(h) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“Across the entire Council workforce, how many staff in which departments are currently engaged in a redundancy consultation process?”

Reply from Councillor Morgan – Leader of the Council

(i) Councillor Mac Cafferty

“Building on the work between 2011-2015 can the Administration outline if they have applied for any of the government grant for energy efficiency of public sector buildings and if so what projects will they apply it to?”

Reply from Councillor Mitchell – Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

(j) Councillor Knight

“The number of UASC we have taken in has risen to 38 and is set to rise. Whilst this is good and welcome news, there is already an overspend on the current budget (mainly resulting from using agency, rather than in-house foster carers). Given this overspend, how does the council propose to manage the financial demand, whilst offering the full support services these young people need and deserve?”

Reply from Councillor Chapman – Deputy Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee

