

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

1. QUESTION From: Christopher Hawtree

“Would Councillor Morgan please tell us how much it will now cost a reader to reserve a book - either not yet published or was not stocked on publication by the Libraries system - so that said reader is duly, personally, informed that it has been obtained and is reserved to await his/her collection when it has been added to the stock?”

Councillor Robins, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee will reply.

2. QUESTION From: Carrie Hynds

"Given the housing crisis in our city and failure of developers to meet affordable housing targets, including Crest Nicholson paying £1.2 million rather than supply 8 affordable flats in a 47-unit block in Davigdor Road, Hove, why has the council turned down approaches from the KSD Group to build high-quality low-cost housing in Brighton & Hove following their successful pilot scheme in Lewes which saw KSD and Lewes District Council deliver two-bedroom homes for £90/week social rent?"

Councillor Meadows, Chair of the Housing & New Homes Committee will reply.

3. QUESTION From: Seb Royle

“If the PSPO is an attempt to address the issue of homelessness in Brighton and Hove, then what aftercare and support can a homeless person expect to receive when a PSPO is enforced, their shelter is destroyed and they are forced to sit in custody until a hearing, all for the supposed crime of being unable to provide an address?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

4. QUESTION From: Bette Davies

“When a traveller family is targeted by the new PSPO law, the vehicle which is their home is removed and parents are put into the cells for the crime of having no fixed address, what will then happen to the children in these families who have seen their parents taken away?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

5. QUESTION From: Monty Anderson

“To what extent do councillors believe that the PSPO targets specific groups within in the city's community, such as the homeless and ethnically defined gypsies and travellers?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

6. QUESTION From: John Garside

“As the i360 enters its eighth month of training, Cllr. Morgan, would it be in order to ask how much money the Council has so far received from this "attraction" or are we to be paid at the end of the Financial Year?

Furthermore, am I right in assuming that a fully audited breakdown of the relevant figures will be made available for public inspection, in line with good business practice?”

Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council will reply.

7. QUESTION From: Patricia Mountain

“It is often claimed by this Administration, Cllr. Mitchell, that the profits deriving from this City's exorbitant parking charges are very largely employed in covering the costs of Concessionary Bus passes for elderly and disabled Residents.

This being the case, would it be pertinent for me to respectfully request a full breakdown of the sums of money paid by this Authority to Brighton & Hove Buses, the Big Lemon, Stagecoach and any other Bus Company.

Also, could you please furnish me with the amount, if any, of money which we receive from Central Government for this purpose?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

8. QUESTION From: Nigel Furness

“Councillor Mitchell, on the Upper Promenade in front of the i360, there are a number of square slabs of polished concrete, presumably masquerading as seats and to my horror, on inspecting the hoardings advertising the two new public areas beneath these on the Lower Promenade, it would appear that these monstrosities are planning to breed!

Assuming that these things are seats, Councillor Mitchell, can you please enlighten us as to how elderly and disabled people are supposed to ease themselves down onto them and up from them without the aid of either back rests or arms?”

Councillor Mitchell, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.

