

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 Committee.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the Chair may decline to answer and offer a written response instead. 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 a member of the public.

(a) Affordable Housing – Question from Diane Montgomery (On behalf of the Living Rent Campaign)

“The Living Rent Campaign asks why so many new private housing developments are given planning permission without meeting the council 40% quota of affordable housing, and notes that new developments in the city are aimed at the luxury market and do little to address the serious housing crisis in the area.

We also note that 80% of market rent is unrealistic for ordinary people. We suggest that the council develop affordable rented guidance based on 60% of the local market rents to define affordable (and the figure should be no more than the LHA), and that the council gives priority to allocate new affordable social housing to the council as opposed to housing associations, many of which are now no longer addressing real social need.”

