

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

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

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

**(i) Procedural and Financial Governance failures on Valley Gardens Project – Rob Shepherd**

"Given the issues on Page 65, agenda item 40, we're sure the committee will welcome this timely contribution.

Valley Gardens Phase 3 falls far short of the Benefits-to-Costs-Ratio threshold needed to secure public funds, but by erroneously inflating benefits more than 100%, secured substantial funds.

Two pertinent errors were communicated to Council Leader, CEO and CFO in November. No doubt you're investigating how council procedures permitted this gross failure in Financial Governance and the steps being taken to correct the problem quickly and manage reputational risk.

Given lack of feedback, we wonder what else we should do to expedite matters?"

**(ii) Valley Gardens Audit- Daniel Nathan**

"The audit report attached to Agenda item 40 is disappointing in the way it lacks the forensic rigour with which one can assess the validity of the numerous assertions it makes. Given that this document has taken six months to produce, I'm puzzled that there is so little supporting data. Would the Chair confirm that this committee will require the internal audit team to remedy this situation - by producing an appendix containing the evidence they used to make each assertion?"

