

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 56

Brighton & Hove City Council

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

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) Bob Schooley

On 20th December the government announced that the city wide School Sports Partnership funding would be reduced to provide for only one day a week per secondary school. In the light of the decision does the Council have any future plans to maintain and further refine high quality physical education in all schools and the city wide community?

(ii) Tac Carters

In the light of the new proposals to seek other people to take over the running of Bright Start nursery, was it a mistake to feed misleading information to the media about the cost of necessary building work? What is the true cost of building work that needs doing?

(iii) Dave Jones

What will be done to ensure that Bright Start can promote itself to new parents? We have not been able to take on new children with the threat of closure hanging over us. In order to remain viable we need to be able to reassure potential parents that our future is secure.

(iv) Alex Knutson

During the previous consultation period, the Unison rep at bright Start was denied facility time to deal with the consultation document by senior management. Can the councillor please give assurances that staff representatives will be given adequate facilities to take part in the consultation.

(v) Diana Leach

The report to Cabinet Member meeting refers to a "Parents Advisory Committee". Unison, staff and parents are unaware of its existence. Staff, unison and parents came up with many ideas during the consultation period to improve the nursery and reduce the subsidy. What steps will be taken to facilitate this?