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**Consultation: scrutiny topics**

Overarching theme	Q1 - What topic, decision or policy would you like to be investigated by a Scrutiny Panel? Please give details below.
Alcohol	Late night opening of pubs and other licenced premises in residential areas.
Alcohol	Increase in violence on our streets mainly due to excessive alcohol and drugs
Alcohol	Issues relating to alcohol issues including health concerns, licensing, community safety
Alcohol	Anti social behaviour. Particular in relation to 'late night economy'.
Children	What services are provided for the transitional age group in Brighton and Hove i.e. the 10-12 year age group. BHCC secured money around 3250K for work with this group over a year ago, after many local volunteers and others have been asking for an increase in these services to aid work with youth and to help those young people who need extra help when moving from a child to a young person.
Children	Access to universities, Making the university fees and entry system fairer
Children	improving access, affordability and availability of services for young people
Children	increasing positive engagement between police and younger people
Children	Setting up home allowances for children in care (CIC)
Children	Free access to leisure services and free bus travel for teenagers
Children	Corporate Parenting of children in care (CIC)
Children	Monitoring and reviewing council's services for looked after children
Children	Informing and consulting Children in Care (CIC)
Children	Transitions for children with disabilities; employment, transitions and how to be more independent
Children	University and accommodation fees paid for care leavers
Children	Managing the transition from junior to secondary schools in the city
Citizenship	Increasing the rates of voting and encouraging younger people to vote/first time voters
Community Engagement	LATS
Council strategy	Employment and taking staff from redeployment pools rather than getting the best external candidates.
Council strategy	How far the council is supporting the city Volunteering Strategy and how far it is embedded in council services.
Council strategy	The operation of scrutiny itself within BHCC. For example the inexcusable failure to date to allocate every item on the Forward Plan to the relevant Scrutiny Cttee for EXPLICIT consideration undermines control over the Leader & Cabinet system. Also the dropping of the previous involvement of attending stakeholders at Scrutiny Cttees (e.g. the formula of Cllrs Tonks, Edmond-Smith, and Watkins (perhaps others too) of "Before we go to the vote does any member of the public have any contribution to offer?"). Need much better follow-up of implementation of previous Scrutiny Panel recommendations, potentially over a period of 5 years or more. Need to review to what extent Quantity has been allowed to overtake Quality in the work of Scrutiny Panels. Have never seen a Panel that gathered too much evidence, but plenty that failed to harvest enough, and particularly many where too little desktop-analysis took place afterwards to address conflicts and gaps in evidence from various sources. Panels, with some laudable exceptions, are also under-performing by failing to provide for members of the audience to question the witnesses directly.
Council strategy	Look at the performance of public sector asset holdings to see how well they are performing

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Council strategy	Future of scrutiny under a committee system
Council strategy	Intelligent Commissioning
Culture	Securing funding for cultural activities from private benefactors
Employment	Apprenticeships and work opportunities for young people
Employment	Using the skills of residents or employing people from outside the city
Equalities	How the city responds to the needs of our large LGBT communities. At present, unlike BME communities, we have no resource centre and only marginally funded community and voluntary sector organisations. You would think that when the Director of Public Health devotes an entire chapter to our LGBT populations in his annual report, there would be more investing in looking after us?
Equalities	I would like to see support and consultation with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans community, including funding decisions.
Equalities	The extent to which food poverty is an issue in Brighton & Hove and what is being done to reduce the number of people experiencing food poverty.
Health	Exercise for older people
Health	Factors which improve well-being of older people
Health	Dyslexia - diagnosis and beyond
Housing	Housing & decent homes standard
Housing	housing, housing support
Housing	Damage done to squatted properties
Housing	Communal areas on council estates: number of such areas in the North Portside ward that are falling into decay
Litter	Dog fouling - Brighton has become the dog excrement city of the UK - our streets are covered in dog excrement. It is disgusting. I have to remove dog shit from outside my house at least 2 or 3 times per week. Despite raising this issue with the council and the police on numerous occasions, the council do nothing and this anti social behaviour gets worst. The Tory led council were ineffective around these issues. Let's see what the Greens can do. Also street littering, cigarette butts and chewing gum, and fly tipping. Clean Brighton up!!!!!!! People need to be encouraged to keep the city clean. If they don't introduce punitive measures - enforce community orders - make them clean the streets with City Clean workers or fine them.
Litter	the amount of dirt and litter on our streets 6 increase in violence on our streets mainly due to excessive alcohol and drugs
Major Projects	Unkempt and/or derelict sites and buildings: unauthorised graffitt and tagging
Parks	behaviour and safety in parks throughout the city need for park wardens to be present in parks regarding antisocial behaviour
Planning	Street clutter - signing, guardails etc. Not just in the city centre but throughout the whole of B&H.
Planning	the archaic planning policies stifling progressive contemporary design in favour of medioca bland developments that will blight the city for years.
Sport and Leisure	Saltdean Lido

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Studentification	The impact (positive and negative) that students have on the residents of this city
Sustainability	Energy saving
Sustainability	community owned electricity generator. - Renewable only.
Sustainability	Progress towards an urban biosphere
Transport	Making (particularly) residential pavements easier to walk on. I get a lot of pain in my feet and ankles so no doubt notice it more than most - pavements are cut with ramps for garages, uneven slabs, poor tarmac repairs and with uncomfortable sideways slopes.
Third Sector	Supporting voluntary groups & charities to strengthen their governance. Encourage greater involvement with arts commissioning in city.
Third Sector	support from the Council to third sector to enable them to compete
Third Sector	Impact of funding provided through Council grants
Transport	Transport
Transport	Traffic levels & safety and how we can improve public transport in Brighton & Hove.
Transport	Car parking on pavements
Transport	The cost of bus services in the city.
Transport	Traffic - parking charges are high but visitors have little in the way of options. A good park and ride scheme needs to be introduced and city centre parking reserved for those working or living in the city. Congestion charging will penalise city businesses which will be disastrous in the current economic climate.
Transport	Parking and displacement in parking caused by the parking schemes adopted throughout the city.
Transport	The traffic situation in Brighton and Hove
Transport	I'd like the reduction of traffic in the town to be investigated, with a view to finding ways to make a substantial reduction.
Transport	Pedestrianisation of the city centre to ameliorate traffic congestion.
Transport	Traffic congestion.
Transport	The provision, implementation and monitoring of provisions for cyclist across the city. Including providing and policing safe and sensible cycle lanes as well as adequate numbers of bike racks in sensible locations,
Transport	public transport for the city. would love to see a tram feasibility study a seafront monorail and/or high speed rail link to London
Transport	Traffic. I would like to see more pedestrianized areas in the city. The North Laines is an obvious area plus the city centre. New Road works very well with pedestrians plus 'slow' traffic; maybe this experiment should be extended to other areas. Slowing down the traffic to a really slow speed might be another option.
Transport	On-street parking charges apply across virtually the whole of central Brighton & Hove (and beyond) on a Sunday. How much is this to the detriment of the local economy?
Transport	the condition of our roads and pavements
Transport	lack of good planting on our main roads
Transport	congestion due to ridiculous and dangerous new road layouts
Transport	High levels of vehicle pollution being generated in key areas of the city

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Transport	Arriva are logging details of bus travel and personal details (pass number of the elderly)
Transport	residents concerns that there are cuts to the Brighton & Hove bus services including possible discontinuing Senior citizens passes
Transport	potential misuse of the disabled parking (Blue Badge) scheme
Transport	Signposting of Clifton Place
Transport	Traffic congestion, parking signs enforcement, cyclists and scooters
Transport	the possibility of introducing an intelligent park and ride scheme and making the city centre pedestrian friendly
Transport	Parking shortage in the city and encouraging other forms of transport
Transport	increasing the number of buses in the summer subsidised by language schools due to the 9,000 students
Transport	Removing these expensive bike counters dotted across the city
Transport	costly buses and lack of affordable parking
Travellers	Travellers.
Travellers	illegal Traveller sites and whether they pay Council Tax for services and amenities
Travellers	Unauthorised traveller encampments in the city
Travellers	Traveller provision.
Travellers	Van dwellers and travellers policy
Travellers	illegal encampments and incidences of harrassment to local residents
Travellers	Provision for Gypsy Roma Traveller groups within our city. Health/education/homes etc. What outreach work is there and how is it carried
Waste management	Rubbish collection and street cleaning on the Upper Lewes Road and adjacent roads into the Lewes Road Triangle.
Waste management	recycling (more regular collections), waste management improvements, noise (neighbours)
Waste management	Safe disposal of this waste
Waste management	Material collections
Waste management	increasing recycling rates and managing communal bins