

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

(a) Councillor Christina Summers

“As a councillor of one of the northern wards of the city and one that comprises some diverse and quite disparate communities that aren’t necessarily linked geographically, I have been very concerned about what happens to the elderly population during severe winter weather when residential roads become impassable and are not treated by our gritters e.g. Coldean. I am concerned not only about their warmth (threatened further by soaring energy costs) but also their ability to come and go from their homes and safely access local amenities or, alternatively, be themselves accessible to those services that provide their daily needs.

I understand that information identifying who the elderly and vulnerable are and where they live is held by several agencies that may, or may not, work together and share that information. Notwithstanding the enormous legal stumbling blocks that exist preventing someone like myself from accessing that kind of information, could this board nevertheless consider any ways in which a councillor who has been elected by, and called to represent, these residents and who, by definition, works at grass roots level with them might somehow be entrusted with this information or, at the very least, included in any ongoing plans to improve the inclusion and wellbeing of the elderly and vulnerable most particularly during winter time?”