

Paragraph 12.01 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit questions to Chairs of Meetings.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to the Chairs of Meeting and written replies thereto.

Council is recommended to

- (a) Note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.
- (b) Note the supplementary questions and corresponding responses delivered verbally within the 15 minutes available for Questions by Members.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Councillor Hilton to the Chair of Planning Committee	How many planning committees were scheduled to be held in the calendar year 2022 and how many were cancelled by yourself and why?
	Response:	
	12 planning committee meetings were scheduled for 2022 (1 per month). Of the 12, 5 were cancelled and 7 took place. The reason for the cancelled meetings was that there were no planning applications recommended for a decision at the time of the relevant committee report deadline. The primary cause for this was the cyber incident, which required a number of applications which would have otherwise gone to a planning committee to be withdrawn. The reason for withdrawing the applications was so that consultations could be carried out again, as there was no access to the previously received consultation responses. The result of this was that applications which would have normally been set for determination were delayed by a number of months and went to a later committee meeting.	
2.	From Councillor Hilton to the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee	The committee papers published for the 16th of January audit and governance committee proposed that the report into the internal audit related to the chaotic management of the Section 106 agreement monies should be held in private without the press and public there. The committee thought otherwise and agreed to meet in public session. Was this the right decision for the committee to make?
	Response:	
	Yes, it was. As elected representatives we all have a duty to ensure council business is conducted in as transparent manner as possible. From my own point of view, I gave full consideration to the advice from the monitoring officer but after reading the report I concluded that it was in the public interest for it to be discussed in open session. This was also the decision of a majority of the committee.	