



Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

WRITTEN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17.

ORDINARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 FEBRUARY 2023

QUESTION NO 1

FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE MADGWICK

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT

We, as a council, have still not got an appointed person on the Kings Theatre Trust. We were originally told in Quarter 3 of 2022 it would be a month delay, then three months delayed. We are now almost at the end of the municipal year and we still don't have an appointment on the Kings Theatre Trust. Why is this?

Response

The decision not to appoint councillors to the Kings Theatre Trust was made in response to a request from the Trust that they needed time to conclude negotiations with PCC over repairs and their regeneration scheme without councillors in the meetings. The Trust felt that this would hinder those discussions and could lead to conflicts of interest.

The repair works needed on the theatre have taken some time to resolve but there is now an agreed way forward and the Council should expect to appoint trustees early in the new municipal year, alongside all the usual outside body appointments.

To have appointed trustees in February and possibly change them again in May felt unreasonable and a fresh start in May seems a sensible approach.

The Council continues to have oversight of the Kings via a service level agreement and officers have obviously been involved in progressing the works programme.

QUESTION NO 2

FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE MADGWICK

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION
COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG**

In Quarter 1 of 2022 Councillors for Paulsgrove proposed a CIL application for a one-way system in Beverston Road and Bromyard Crescent. In months preceding this, surveys were completed, and an official CIL bid went in later 2022. At the start of 2023 all councillors agreed to the CIL and the funds were drawn down. Since then, we have had nothing but excuses for delays to the completion of this. Residents are becoming frustrated. When does the department intend to complete the works that have been surveyed, agreed and funded for almost a year ago?

Response

The implementation of one-way restrictions in Bromyard Crescent and Beverston Road are currently in the detailed design stage. This work is being progressed as staff resources allow and are allocated, which is determined by the prioritisation of projects within an extremely large portfolio of work. Unfortunately it is not possible at this stage to commit to a firm delivery date of these two scheme. As these schemes develop and progress, ward councillors will remain updated throughout.