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Thursday, 3 May 2018

## Annual Meeting of the Council

Dear Member

I am pleased to invite you to attend the annual meeting of Torbay Council which will be held in **Rosetor Room, Riviera International Conference Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 5LZ on Monday, 14 May 2018 commencing at 11.00 am.**

The items to be discussed at this meeting are attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Parrock'.

Steve Parrock  
Chief Executive

(All members are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Orders A5.)

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# Annual meeting of the Council Agenda

1. **Opening of meeting**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 24)  
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 19 April 2018.
4. **Election of Chairman/woman**  
To elect the Chairman/woman of the Council for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.
5. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman/woman of the Council**  
To elect the Vice-Chairman/woman of the Council for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.
6. **Adjournment**  
To consider adjourning the meeting until 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 14 May 2018 to deal with the remainder of the business set out in the separate agenda.

## **Note**

An audio recording of this meeting will normally be available at [www.torbay.gov.uk](http://www.torbay.gov.uk) within 48 hours.



## **Minutes of the Council** **(Council decisions shown in bold text)**

**19 April 2018**

**-: Present :-**

**Chairwoman of the Council (Councillor Brooks) (In the Chair)**  
**Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor Doggett)**

The Elected Mayor of Torbay (Mayor Oliver)

Councillors Amil, Barnby, Bent, Bye, Carter, Darling (M), Darling (S), Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Hill, King, Kingscote, Lewis (B), Lewis (C), Long, Manning, Mills, Morey, Morris, O'Dwyer, Parrott, Robson, Sanders, Stockman, Stocks, Stubbley, Sykes, Thomas (D), Tolchard and Tyerman

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### **192 Opening of meeting**

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

### **193 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pentney, Thomas (J) and Winfield.

### **194 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

### **195 Declarations of interests**

No interests were declared.

### **196 Communications**

The Chairwoman welcomed colleagues from South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group and the Oversight and Governance Manager from Plymouth City Council to the meeting.

Elected Mayor Oliver was delighted to announce that Torbay Council and Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust had received the accolade of winning the Local Government Chronicle Award 2018 for health and social care for establishing the Integrated Care Organisation. Elected Mayor Oliver then formally presented the

award to the Chairwoman of the Council and the Chairman of South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, Sir Richard Ibbotson.

The Chairwoman announced that an evening song service would be held at St. Luke's Church, Torquay, on Sunday 29 April 2018, to mark the end of her year as Chairwoman of the Council and invited all members to attend.

Elected Mayor Oliver announced that Torbay had recently become a member of the Local Government Association's Coastal Communities Special Interest Group (SIG) and attended a meeting of the Group in March 2018. Members received the following report from Elected Mayor Oliver:

- The Group comprised a partnership of coastal local authorities which sought to champion and represent the collective interests of coastal and maritime communities;
- The Group was working collaboratively to increase awareness and debate on environmental, economic and social issues at all levels in relation to the coast and brought pressure on the Government to secure local authorities full involvement at all levels of policy formulation concerning the coast;
- The Group was communicating with Government particularly in respect to environmental issues;
- Marine spatial planning continued to be a focus, along with the Government's desire to have all coastal local authorities signed up by 2021 to a coastal concordat;
- Torbay was well positioned to work with the SIG by providing an insight on the issues of coastal resort regeneration. In return, the SIG could be a powerful support for Torbay working to address the issues of underinvestment in coastal places.

The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator reported that, as part of the Overview and Scrutiny Board's annual work programme, task and finish groups were being established to review Council funding for the Community Development Trust and the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Non-Executive Members were invited to join these new task and finish groups.

Councillor Thomas (D) provided a report to the Council on his work as the Council's representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee as attached to these Minutes.

## **197 Order of Business**

In accordance with Standing Order A7.2 in relation to Council meetings, the order of business was varied to enable: agenda Item 10 (Transformation Project – Parkfield Future Options) to be considered after Item 6 (Public Question Time); and agenda item 8b (Notice of Motion – Torwood Street, Torquay – Compulsory Purchase Order) to be considered after Item 14 (Investment Committee Recommendation – Investment Opportunity).

**198 Public Question Time - Parkfield Future Options**

The Chairwoman advised that she had used her discretion to accept a late public question. The Council heard from Mr Cowell, who had submitted a statement and question in relation to future options for Parkfield. The Executive Lead for Adults and Children responded to the statement and question that had been put forward, and also responded to a supplementary question asked by Mr Cowell.

**199 Transformation Project - Parkfield Future Options**

The Council considered the submitted report on proposals for the future use of the Parkfield site (including Parkfield House), following the decision by the Council not to approve the planning application for the relocation of Torbay School (Brunel Academy) to the site. It was noted the report reflected the work undertaken by FMG Consulting Ltd on options for the future use to encompass development of youth related provision, in accordance with the funding requirements, and how the site could support the Council in delivering its wider statutory responsibilities for the children and young people of Torbay. The submitted report included the recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Board who supported the proposals.

The Chairwoman advised that a revised officer recommendation had been published as a result of a suggested technical amendment raised by the Liberal Democrat Group.

Councillor Parrott proposed and Councillor Haddock seconded a motion as set out below:

- (i) that the proposal to relocate the Medical Tuition Service in MyPlace, Parkfield, Paignton be approved;
- (ii) that the Director of Children's Services be requested to ensure that parents and service users of the Medical Tuition Service are fully engaged in the implementation of the proposed changes to their service provision;
- (iii) that the proposal to fund the capital expenditure associated with (i) above from any unallocated sums within the existing Children's Services Capital Programme and up to £600,000 of prudential borrowing funded from any future premises savings and any shortfall being included in the 2019/2020 revenue budget be approved;
- (iv) that the Torbay Youth Trust has previously been approved and awaits a precise timetable for the release of a budget and development funds that will now be a matter of the utmost priority;
- (v) that the creation of a Parkfield User Group comprising representatives of young people, the Youth Trust, the Medical Tuition Service, Eat That Frog, Paignton Town Community Partnership, Torbay Community Development Trust, Torbay Community Partnerships and the Overview and Scrutiny Board be approved; and

- (vi) that the Parkfield User Group be established as soon as possible and be asked to consider how the use of MyPlace can be maximised.

During the debate Councillor Stockman proposed and Councillor Morey seconded an amendment to the motion as follows:

- (i) that the proposal to relocate the Medical Tuition Service in MyPlace, Parkfield, Paignton be approved, subject to:
  - (A) a risk assessment being carried out in order to safeguard the children due to multiple user groups being on the site; and
  - (B) a business case being undertaken to demonstrate the long term sustainability of Parkfield for the youth of Torbay.

The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

Councillor Parrott's and Councillor Haddock's original motion was then considered by the Council which was agreed, as set out below:

- (i) that the proposal to relocate the Medical Tuition Service in MyPlace, Parkfield, Paignton be approved;**
- (ii) that the Director of Children's Services be requested to ensure that parents and service users of the Medical Tuition Service are fully engaged in the implementation of the proposed changes to their service provision;**
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- (vi) that the Parkfield User Group be established as soon as possible and be asked to consider how the use of MyPlace can be maximised.

## 200 Members' questions

Members received a paper detailing questions, as attached to these minutes, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A13. The paper also contained the answers to the questions which had been prepared by the Elected Mayor, Councillors Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Mills and Parrott.

The Chairwoman reported that, since the agenda had been published, the Elected Mayor had made changes to his Executive, which had resulted in questions 1 and 7 being answered by Councillor Mills.

Supplementary questions were put and answered by Elected Mayor Oliver, Councillors Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Mills and Parrott, arising from their responses to the questions in respect of questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. In the absence of Councillor Pentney, Councillors Darling (M) and Darling (S) put supplementary questions for questions 4 and 10 respectively.

## 201 Notice of Motion - Crossways, Paignton - Compulsory Purchase Order (Council Decision)

Members considered a motion in relation to the future of Crossways arcade and car park, Paignton, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14. In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(b), the motion was dealt with by this meeting.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded the motion, as set out below:

This Council notes that the Crossways arcade and car park continues to be a blot on Paignton town centre and was identified as the number one issue by residents taking part in a recent survey conducted by Paignton Liberal Democrats.

This Council instructs the Director of Corporate Services and Operations to undertake a feasibility study on the options to resolve this blight in the centre of Devon's second largest town including the possibility of obtaining a compulsory purchase order for the Crossways site and make recommendations to the Council accordingly.

An amendment by Councillor Thomas (D) was circulated during debate, which was accepted by Councillor Carter and Councillor Doggett. The amendment was therefore incorporated in to the original motion and was agreed by the Council as set out below:

**This Council notes that the Crossways arcade and car park continues to be a blot on Paignton town centre and was identified as the number one issue by residents taking part in a recent survey conducted by Paignton Liberal Democrats.**

**It is noted that Council has already, in October 2016, passed a motion which was proposed by Councillor Haddock and seconded by Councillor Robson authorising the Director of Corporate and Business Services to consider the acquisition or compulsory purchase of this site. Furthermore, Council reinforced this decision in April 2017 when, as part of the Transformation Project for Town Centres, it adopted into the Council's Policy Framework the Transformation Strategy for Torbay Town Centres as an appendix to the Torbay Economic Strategy. The responsibility clearly lies with the Town Centre Regeneration Board. Therefore, Council now instructs the Town Centre Regeneration Board to undertake, as a high priority, investigation of the acquisition by the Council of the Crossways site and to determine the best use of the site considering both financial and strategic aspects. The Town Centre Regeneration Board to make recommendations to the Council as soon as possible with the preferred options of the redevelopment of the Crossways site.**

#### **202 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policy 2018 - 2022**

The Council considered the proposed Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policy 2018 to 2022 for inclusion in the Council's Policy Framework. It was noted the Policy provided a strategic and partnership approach to tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence across Torbay.

Councillor Parrott proposed and Councillor Mills seconded a motion, which was agreed by the Council as set out below:

**that the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policy set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be agreed and adopted within the Council's policy framework.**

#### **203 Composition and Constitution of Executive and Delegation of Executive Functions**

Members noted the submitted report which provided details of changes made by the Elected Mayor to his Executive.

#### **204 Adjournment**

At this juncture, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting to enable officers to provide members with a private briefing on the performance of the Investment Fund.



**205 Investment and Regeneration Committee Recommendation**

The Council considered the submitted report on a proposal to review the Council's Investment and Regeneration Fund to assist the Council in meeting its budget shortfall, in light of the Council's significant financial challenges in the forthcoming years. It was noted the February 2018 update of the Medium Term Resource Plan highlighted funding gaps of £5.5 million in 2019/2020 and £5.4 million and £3.8 million in the following two years.

Councillor Thomas (D) proposed and Councillor Robson seconded the motion, as set out below:

That the Investment and Regeneration Committee be requested to review the Investment and Regeneration Fund and Strategy and make recommendations to the Council on how it could be amended to assist the Council in meeting its future budget shortfalls, for 2019/2020 and beyond, and enable regeneration investments to be brought forward in 2018/2019.

An amendment by Councillor Darling (S), circulated at the start of the meeting, was accepted by Councillor Thomas (D) and Councillor Robson. The amendment was therefore incorporated in to the original motion and was agreed by the Council as set out below:

- (i) that the Investment and Regeneration Committee be requested to review the Investment and Regeneration Fund and Strategy and make recommendations to the Council on how it could be amended to assist the Council in meeting its future budget shortfalls, for 2019/2020 and beyond, and enable regeneration investments to be brought forward in 2018/2019; and**
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services and Operations, in consultation with the Chairman of Investment and Regeneration Committee, be requested to ensure that effective communications are immediately commenced in respect of the investments to date of the Investment and Regeneration Strategy. That appropriate details are maintained on the Council's website and that any further investments are publicised within 14 days of any finalisation of contractual arrangements. This action to be completed within one month of this meeting.**

(Note: Councillors King and Kingscote left the meeting prior to consideration of Minute 205.)

**206 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Councillor Mills proposed and Councillor Thomas (D) seconded the motion, which was agreed by the Council, as set out below:

**that the press and public be excluded from the meeting prior to consideration of the following item on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) is likely to be disclosed.**

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 207 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting.

#### **207 Investment Committee Recommendation - Investment Opportunity**

The Council considered the recommendations of the Investment and Regeneration Committee on an investment opportunity. Members received details of the proposals as set out in the exempt report circulated prior to the meeting.

The decision of the Council is restricted due to exempt information contained within the decision.

#### **208 Notice of Motion - Torwood Street, Torquay - Compulsory Purchase Order (Council Decision)**

Members considered a motion in relation to the future development of Torwood Street, Torquay, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14. In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(b), the motion was dealt with by this meeting.

Councillor Darling (M) advised that she wished to amend the date within the Notice Motion, then proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Long, as set out below:

This Council notes that the derelict building on lower Torwood Street, Torquay has acted as a blight on Torquay Harbourside for too many years and been an awful eye sore for locals and visitors alike.

If there is not certainty as to the future development of the site by 30 May 2018, then this Council instructs the Director of Corporate Services and Operations to undertake a review as to the possibility of utilising a Compulsory Purchase Order for lower Torwood Street, Torquay, and make recommendations to the Council accordingly.

During the debate, Councillor Thomas (D) and Councillor Tyerman seconded the following motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting, which was agreed by the Council:

**that the press and public be excluded from the meeting at this stage in the debate on this item on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) is likely to be disclosed.**

Following the exempt element of the debate, the Chairwoman invited the press and public back to the meeting.

The notice of motion was then put to the vote and declared lost.

(Note: Councillor Barnby left the meeting during consideration of Minute 208.)

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Chairwoman

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## **Torbay Council representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee – Councillor David Thomas**

### **Update for Council meeting held on 19 April 2018**

#### **Joint Committee**

- The inaugural meeting of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee was held on 23 March 2018 at Plymouth City Council offices.
- The Joint Committee is made up of Council Leaders and other lead representatives of county, unitary and district councils across Devon and Somerset along with Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks, the Local Enterprise Partnership and local Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- Councillor David Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Joint Committee and Councillor Paul Diviani, Leader of East Devon District Council, appointed Vice-chairman.
- The Committee will be the vehicle through which authorities and organisations across Somerset and Devon work together to improve productivity and continue to work with government under the devolution and other government policy agendas to push for freedoms and flexibilities and possibly additional funding to enable the partnership to achieve its goals.

#### **Productivity Strategy**

- The Joint Committee unanimously endorsed the Productivity Strategy which sets an ambition of “Doubling the size of the Heart of the South West’s economy over 20 years” with a vision of “Productivity and prosperity for all”.
- The Board of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership had previously signed up the Productivity Strategy.
- The Strategy identifies three strategic themes to focus the Partnership’s activity to improve productivity. We will strengthen and develop:
  - the leadership and ideas within businesses in our area
  - the housing, connectivity and infrastructure our people and businesses rely on for living, moving goods, accessing jobs and training, and exploiting new opportunities.
  - the ability of people in our area to work, learn and improve their skills in a rapidly changing global economy, and to maximise their economic potential.
- In addition, there are three cross-cutting themes, referred to throughout the Strategy:

- Inclusive growth for our people, communities and places
- Capitalising on our distinctive assets
- Maximising the potential from digital technology

### **Next Steps**

- Work is continuing on a number of workstreams which have flowed from the Partnership's discussions earlier this year with Government officials.
  - We are working towards establishing a South West Peninsula Sub-National Transport Body to facilitate investment in our major transport infrastructure.
  - We will be undertaking a housing audit to gauge where councils are in their Local Plan process; to assess overall housing targets in plans, and current delivery rates; to identify who has received funding and where Homes England are intervening directly in local areas. This will be followed by a Heart of the South West Housing Summit later in the year.
  - A bid has been put forward for a South West Institute of Technology which will bring together a consortium of five of the region's colleges, our two universities and five core business partners. This will focus on enhancing digital and advanced engineering / manufacturing skills.
  - Torbay Council is leading the workstream on improving Coastal Productivity and we will be looking to work with partners both across the region and the country to deal with the specific issues facing England's coastal areas
- In addition, the Partnership is developing the Delivery Plan to support the Productivity Strategy. This will incorporate the work streams from our discussions with Government within a number of programmes under each Strategic Theme. The Plan will remain agile in order to respond to new funding streams and opportunities.
- An Investment Framework will be developed alongside the Delivery Plan for the Strategy and the Finance Officers from each constituent authority will be involved in this work. The Framework will not create a new single funding pot. As priorities for delivery and project opportunities are identified, it is proposed that a cocktail of investment from a range of sources will be blended together.

# Minute Item 200

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 19 April 2018

## Questions Under Standing Order A13

A member may only submit three questions for consideration at each Council Meeting. Each member will present their first question in turn, when all the first questions have been dealt with the second and third questions may be asked in turn. The time for member's questions will be limited to a total of 30 minutes.

<b>Question (1) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</b>	<b>The Chief Executive has previously advised that it was revealed that 30,000 tons of rubbish is transported to the Energy from Waste facility in Plymouth at the cost of £5 million. How is Torbay's rubbish transported to Plymouth, and what strategy is in place to reduce the amount of waste Torbay sends there to avoid increasing charges for using the facility?</b>
Councillor Mills	<p>Residual waste is transported to the Energy from Waste plant in Plymouth by TOR2 in walking floor trailers and tractor units. There are three vehicles that are used for this operation. Each vehicle can take approximately 20 tonnes per load.</p> <p>The waste team are currently reviewing the 2008-2025 Waste Strategy and updating it, this is due to be consulted on in the summer of 2018. It will include aims and actions for reducing residual waste and increasing recycling in the future. A recent waste composition analysis showed that of the household residual waste generated 53% was identified as being recyclable using the current collection services provided in Torbay, with the most abundant recyclable materials being food waste and garden waste. Early calculations are showing that the recycling rate for 2017-18 has risen compared to the previous year.</p> <p>Work that has been ongoing to promote recycling in order to reduce residual waste includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing to work with community groups and organisations and in schools, to spread waste reduction and prevention messages, within the budget and resources allocated.</li><li>• Continue to promote food waste reduction and recycling of un-avoidable food waste. The waste composition analysis showed that 22% of household residual waste is food waste that could be recycled.</li><li>• Working with Resource Futures (contractor shared with other authorities in Devon) to knock on doors to promote recycling, resolve queries, provide containers. The response to this in the areas targeted over the last 6 months has been positive.</li><li>• Monitoring the performance of other local authorities (both nationally and within Devon) that have made changes to bin sizes or frequency of collections, to help inform future decisions about services in Torbay.</li></ul> <p>With the TOR2 contract heading towards the end of its term the Council is currently considering options for the future and residual waste arising alongside recycling collection and performance are key considerations within this process.</p>

<p><b>Question (2) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children (Councillor Parrott)</b></p>	<p><b>The charge for a disabled parking permit was doubled from £20 to £40, in 2017-18 but not increased for this current financial year. What assurance can you give me that there are no plans to double the charge again next year?</b></p>
<p>Councillor Parrott</p>	<p>The change to the administration charge was through the overview and scrutiny recommendations after the Parking Review. The increase was recommended to be in line with the actual administration cost for the whole scheme.</p> <p>Whilst there will be a review of the fees and charges, as the cost of this permit is now in line with the administration costs, it is not proposed to double the charge in future years and increases will be in line with other permits.</p>
<p><b>Question (3) by Councillor Doggett to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)</b></p>	<p><b>What steps is the Council taking to inform dog owners of how to detect and avoid their animal from contracting “Alabama Rot,” and will there be a delay to banning dogs from beaches, while the present wet weather continues?</b></p>
<p>Councillor Ellery</p>	<p>The Council hasn’t contacted dog owners regarding Alabama Rot as there is little that can be added to the current media coverage or advice of those bodies responsible for animal welfare. With regard to the use of beaches post 1<sup>st</sup> May; there will be no change to the current policy. Dog walkers wishing to use a beach to exercise their dog, whether by preference or due to concerns about utilising woodland (due to Alabama Rot) can use 1 of the 18 beaches listed on the Council website as available all year round.</p>
<p><b>Question (4) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</b></p>	<p><b>Sheddon Hall Hotel is in an appalling state. Contrary to what the Developer promised Councillors and Officers, work hasn’t commenced. We were told that there would be boots on the ground at the end of February!</b></p> <p><b>Please can Officers review whether it is appropriate to issue an enforcement notice immediately to this developer? This cannot be allowed to rumble on indefinitely.</b></p>
<p>Councillor Mills</p>	<p>Officers have been in frequent contact with the developer and have reviewed the current situation. At this present moment Officers have determined that it would be inappropriate to issue an enforcement notice. However, Officers will continue to work with the developer on this matter.</p>
<p><b>Question (5) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Council’s Representative on the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Excell)</b></p>	<p><b>I emailed the police and crime commissioner for Devon and Cornwall constabulary the following question on the 8 of March 2018, at the time of submitting this question I am still awaiting a reply. Do you agree with me that this is a poor example to set for the police of response times?</b></p> <p><b>“Dear Alison,</b>  <b>Earlier this week the Liberal Democrat group on Torbay Council received a very useful update from Simon Jenkins of Devon and Cornwall Police. We were impressed with the work he and his colleagues are undertaking to serve communities in Torquay. However, we were not impressed with the new form of delivery of community policing in</b></p>



	<p><b>Torquay. Whilst we were aware that in the last few years the number of PCSOs has gone down from 25 to effectively 5 (one is off on long term sickness leave) we were not aware that Torquay is an outlier in the rapid reduction of these posts .We accept that officers have to work with the financial hand you and the Chief Constable have dealt them, but we are very concerned that the police service has chosen not to recruit more PCSOs in Torquay in the light of this massive drop in numbers. The new model of delivery will effectively see an end to community policing in Torquay as we know it.</b></p> <p><b>You will no doubt recall the former Chief Constable, John Alderson, who in the late 70s trailblazed the use of community policing which resulted in Devon &amp; Cornwall benefiting from some of the lowest crime rates in the country. As Liberal Democrats, we strongly support community policing and object to its continuing destruction on your watch. At a community meeting last night in Hele, people were concerned about the lack of policing in one of our most deprived communities in Torbay. The shortage of officers to tackle crime in Torquay will result in the concentration of resources in our town centre and some of our more deprived communities facing a collapse in community policing involvement.</b></p> <p><b>I am particularly shocked that you, as Police and Crime Commissioner, have chosen not to demand that the Chief Constable recruit more PCSOs for Torquay to fill this gap. Are you happy that your legacy as PCC will be that of the postholder who gave the last rites to community policing as we know it? I look forward to receiving your comments.”</b></p>
Councillor Excell	<p>Devon and Cornwall Police have undertaken a period of consultation regarding their review of Community Policing that comes under the title of ‘Op Genesis’. The Council has been a part of this process, as have a wide variety of other partners which will help the future decision made regarding the allocation of Police resources in this respect. We, with others, eagerly await the result of the Op Genesis work as has such fundamental implications for policing of not just Torbay, but Devon and Cornwall as a whole.</p>
<p><b>Question (6) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children (Councillor Parrott)</b></p>	<p><b>What is the number and the percentage of pupils in Torbay schools who were entitled to free school meals before the latest benefit changes?</b></p>
Councillor Parrott	<p>The total number of children receiving free school meals in Torbay schools is 2,894</p> <p>In percentage terms the proportion of school children in Torbay receiving free school meals is 17%</p>

## Second Round

<p><b>Question (7) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</b></p>	<p><b>It is coming to the time of year when seagulls are at their most active, and if given half a chance they will spread rubbish everywhere which is unattractive for residents, businesses and tourists alike. What strategy do the Council and Tor 2 have to proactively ensure that those residents that do not have wheelie bins or seagull proof sacks are provided with them?</b></p>
<p>Councillor Mills</p>	<p>Residents are able to request new / replacement containers from TOR2 by telephoning 01803 701316 or they can be requested on the Torbay Council website or by emailing <a href="mailto:waste&amp;recycling@torbay.gov.uk">waste&amp;recycling@torbay.gov.uk</a> If there is an area that anyone thinks needs attention then please contact the waste and recycling team and they will consider ways that they can assist. It may be possible to target an area with a leaflet which enables residents to request replacement or new containers using a freepost service.</p>
<p><b>Question (8) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)</b></p>	<p><b>Officers of the Council have advised all members to use the information compliance system for all enquiries of a case work nature. Can you please furnish me with a month by month break down of elected members use of this system since its introduction?</b></p>
<p>Elected Mayor Oliver</p>	<p>Table attached.</p>
<p><b>Question (9) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</b></p>	<p><b>I understand that ministers are considering extending the power to fine people who park on pavements to local authorities outside of London. London boroughs have had this power for 40 years. What representations have Torbay Council made to encourage this proposal?</b></p>
<p>Councillor Excell</p>	<p>No specific representations have been made by Torbay Council regarding the decriminalisation of footway parking.</p> <p>At the present time there is very little detail on the method or likely timescale from the government on how they intend to take this issue forward and there has not, to date, been any specific requests for authorities to comment on any proposals. We will await further details on when an opportunity to feed into the process will be available.</p>
<p><b>Question (10) by Councillor Pentney to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic</b></p>	<p><b>Can you advise me how this year's Torbay Air Show is being used to support our looked after children and children across the Bay?</b></p>

<b>Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)</b>	
Elected Mayor Oliver	<p>There are a variety of volunteering opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewards</li> <li>• Programme Sellers</li> <li>• Bucket Collectors</li> <li>• Event Runners</li> <li>• Market Researchers</li> </ul> <p>As in previous years Torbay Air Cadets will provide 40 to 50 cadets over the weekend to fulfil some of the roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions have been held with the vice principle of South Devon College who is keen to offer the volunteering opportunities to the college's students.</li> <li>• The opportunities will also be shared with the Looked after Children team who will consider both existing LAC and care leavers for these roles.</li> <li>• In addition to volunteering, the college are looking to provide several music bands for the music stage this year.</li> <li>• For 2019 the college are going to introduce the Airshow into some of their courses.</li> </ul> <p>Photography &amp; Media – Produce promotional material for the Airshow</p> <p>Event Management – Stewarding and marketing are part of this course.</p> <p>Music / Music &amp; Sound production – The college will take responsibility for delivering the programme on the music stage.</p> <p>There will be several recruitment stands from sections of the armed forces who will be able to offer young people an insight into employment and skills training opportunities.</p>
<b>Question (11) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adult Services and Children (Councillor Parrott)</b>	<b>How many children will lose their entitlement to free school meals following the latest benefit changes?</b>
Councillor Parrott	<p>All children who currently claim free school meals will be protected until the end of the rollout in March 2022. Any children receiving free school meals under the old rules and not entitled to free school meals from March 2022 will still receive free school meals until the end of their school phase.</p> <p>The government estimate that an additional 50,000 children will become eligible as the system changes from a model based on gross income to one based on net income. However the impact at a local level cannot yet be quantified.</p>

### Third Round

<p><b>Question (12) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</b></p>	<p><b>Does Torbay Council plan to follow the example of many other Local Authorities in allowing Carers to be able to participate in the Concessionary Bus Fares scheme.</b></p>																																																																																																																																	
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<p><b>Question (13) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)</b></p>	<p><b>Bearing in mind the fact that Torbay has increasing levels of deprivation, can you explain why Torbay has underperformed in obtaining grants from Homes England compared to other Devon Authorities and the falling numbers of affordable housing the Council has facilitated?</b>  <b>For ease of reference I have included two relevant tables below.</b></p> <p><b>Investment in Devon from homes England over the last 5 years.</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 840 1540 1310"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2012/13</th> <th>2013/14</th> <th>2014/15</th> <th>2015/16</th> <th>2016/17</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>East Devon</td> <td>2,430,644</td> <td>5,554,311</td> <td>5,883,612</td> <td>587,780</td> <td>0</td> <td>14,456,347</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exeter</td> <td>1,468,868</td> <td>988,596</td> <td>819,845</td> <td>414,240</td> <td>910,679</td> <td>4,602,228</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mid Devon</td> <td>1,123,501</td> <td>1,114,892</td> <td>925,551</td> <td>1,387,000</td> <td>0</td> <td>4,550,944</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Devon</td> <td>1,170,067</td> <td>2,989,237</td> <td>1,636,106</td> <td>256,500</td> <td>162,250</td> <td>6,214,160</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plymouth</td> <td>7,861,422</td> <td>4,138,136</td> <td>7,529,555</td> <td>6,735,121</td> <td>1,580,200</td> <td>27,844,434</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Hams</td> <td>785,976</td> <td>1,537,269</td> <td>450,222</td> <td>1,308,429</td> <td>0</td> <td>4,081,896</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teignbridge</td> <td>3,135,711</td> <td>2,424,132</td> <td>3,265,068</td> <td>280,000</td> <td>227,950</td> <td>9,332,861</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torbay</td> <td>978,832</td> <td>6,158,279</td> <td>355,641</td> <td>245,000</td> <td></td> <td>7,737,752</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torridge</td> <td>356,513</td> <td>1,336,352</td> <td>1,582,662</td> <td>37,070</td> <td></td> <td>3,312,597</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Devon</td> <td>101,943</td> <td>196,389</td> <td>368,900</td> <td>93,924</td> <td>0</td> <td>761,156</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>19,413,477</b></td> <td><b>26,437,593</b></td> <td><b>22,817,162</b></td> <td><b>11,345,064</b></td> <td><b>2,881,079</b></td> <td><b>82,894,375</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Provision of affordable housing in Torbay over the last 10 years.</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 1411 1228 2105"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Social Rent</th> <th>Affordable Rent</th> <th>Shared Ownership</th> <th>Totals</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2007/08</td> <td>77</td> <td>0</td> <td>70</td> <td>149</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008/09</td> <td>92</td> <td>0</td> <td>27</td> <td>119</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009/10</td> <td>57</td> <td>0</td> <td>60</td> <td>117</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010/11</td> <td>110</td> <td>0</td> <td>17</td> <td>127</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011/12</td> <td>27</td> <td>0</td> <td>8</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td>14</td> <td>0</td> <td>21</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013/14</td> <td>179</td> <td>0</td> <td>16</td> <td>195</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>89</td> <td>8</td> <td>16</td> <td>113</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total	East Devon	2,430,644	5,554,311	5,883,612	587,780	0	14,456,347	Exeter	1,468,868	988,596	819,845	414,240	910,679	4,602,228	Mid Devon	1,123,501	1,114,892	925,551	1,387,000	0	4,550,944	North Devon	1,170,067	2,989,237	1,636,106	256,500	162,250	6,214,160	Plymouth	7,861,422	4,138,136	7,529,555	6,735,121	1,580,200	27,844,434	South Hams	785,976	1,537,269	450,222	1,308,429	0	4,081,896	Teignbridge	3,135,711	2,424,132	3,265,068	280,000	227,950	9,332,861	Torbay	978,832	6,158,279	355,641	245,000		7,737,752	Torridge	356,513	1,336,352	1,582,662	37,070		3,312,597	West Devon	101,943	196,389	368,900	93,924	0	761,156	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,413,477</b>	<b>26,437,593</b>	<b>22,817,162</b>	<b>11,345,064</b>	<b>2,881,079</b>	<b>82,894,375</b>	Year	Social Rent	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Totals	2007/08	77	0	70	149	2008/09	92	0	27	119	2009/10	57	0	60	117	2010/11	110	0	17	127	2011/12	27	0	8	35	2012/13	14	0	21	35	2013/14	179	0	16	195	2014/15	89	8	16	113
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Councillor Ellery	<p>Torbay council does not hold the data on HE grant. HE publish this retrospectively. The funding goes directly to Registered Providers (RPs). The council would need to have investment status to bid for grant itself and therefore all of this money goes to RPs and not the council. The Grant agreements between RPs and Homes England are between the two organisations and grant levels may differ from one year to another as the programme for an RP may be over more than one year and across more than one local authority area and they have the ability to move finance provided outcomes are delivered. More resources have historically gone into the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>Regarding the delivery of affordable housing the table provides the figures on the number of Affordable Housing completions over the past 10 years. As is clear from the table, 2013 – 2015 were very successful due to Council bringing forward their own sites such as Beechfield, Hayes Road and Dunboyne. In the latter years the Council has had to rely on affordable housing being delivered through S106 sites with the speed of delivery being determined by the developers. However several developments are expected in the next few years. Below are the developments currently on site with completions due over the next 1 – 3 years:</p> <p>Primrose Hill (Torquay)  White Rock (Paignton)  Yannons Farm (Paignton)  Alfrison Rd (Paignton)  Wall Park (Brixham)</p>					
<b>Question (14) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Customer Services and Town Centre Regeneration (Councillor Haddock)</b>	<b>Torbay is a hot spot for personal debt in the UK. Why do we not have a credit union to help those in financial need apart from one that only helps with deposit guarantees for rented accommodation?</b>					
Councillor Haddock	After the demise of Plough and Share in 2017, the Council has been in discussions with Plymouth Credit Union to provide a service as part of the support offered through the Council's crisis fund. These arrangements include the Council providing facilities at Paignton Library Hub for the Credit Union which will include support to the Council's Homelessness Reduction Act responsibilities.					
<b>Question (15) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adult Services and Children (Councillor Parrott)</b>	<b>Since the latest benefit changes how much can parents earn before their children become ineligible for free school meals?</b>					
Councillor Parrott	Parents can have an annual net income of no more than £7,400 before they lose eligibility.					

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	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
Amil, Nicole							1									
Barnby, Jane		3	7			1			3	4	2	1	1	1		
Bent, Neil		3	1	3	3		2	1					1			
Brooks, Anne					1		1	1						1		
Bye, Nick		6	4	1		7	6	1	2	2		3	3		1	2
Carter, Christine		3	1				1		1	1	1	2	3	2		
Darling, Steve	2	8	3	4	5	9	1	1	1	3		2	4	7	3	1
Darling, Mandy	2	9	9	4	7	7	4				3	3	3	3	3	1
Doggett, Ian		1	1	2	1		3	1					2			1
Ellery, Vic							1	1								
Excell, Robert		9	26	17	9	3	13	12	9	5	3		5	5	5	2
Haddock, Richard								1						1	1	
Hill, Ray				1	1	1	1						1			
King, Mark		5	5		3	3	1			1	1			2	1	
Kingscote, Mark		5	3	1	2	1			1	3	3	2	1	1	1	
Lewis, Barbara		5	2	1	3	4	2	5	2		2		1	3	1	1
Lewis, Chris			1	6	2	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1		1	
Long, Swithin																
Manning, Terry							1									
Mills, Derek					2					1	1			1	1	
Morey, Mike						1	2	1								
Morris, Dave																
O'Dwyer, James			3	1	3		5	1	2		3			1	1	3
Oliver, Gordon		4	3	1			2	2			2	1	1	4	1	1
Parrott, Julien	1		1			2	1		1	6	1	2	2	2	2	
Pentney, Nick		7		5			1	3				2	4	2	1	1
Robson, Chris		2	3			2					1		1		1	1
Sanders, Adrian			2		1	8	2	2		2	2	3		3	1	
Stockman, Jackie		1						1		1		2	1		1	1
Stocks, Cindy				1										2	1	
Stubley, Di	1	3	3		1	1	5			4			1			
Sykes, Lynn			3	2	1	1	3				1	2		2		1
Thomas, David	1		4	6	3	5	4			1		4				
Thomas, John							2					1		1		
Tolchard, Anna			1				1		1							
Tyerman, Alan		3		1												
Winfield, Thomas																

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Amil, Nicole		1			2
Barnby, Jane	1		1		25
Bent, Neil					14
Brooks, Anne				1	5
Bye, Nick	3	2			43
Carter, Christine		2		1	18
Darling , Steve	2	3	2		61
Darling, Mandy	4	5	5	3	75
Doggett, Ian	1				13
Ellery, Vic	2			1	5
Excell, Robert	1	2	2		128
Haddock, Richard					3
Hill, Ray	1				6
King, Mark	3				25
Kingscote, Mark	1		1		26
Lewis, Barbara	2	2	2		38
Lewis, Chris	3	2	1	2	34
Long, Swithin	4	3	5	3	15
Manning, Terry	1				2
Mills, Derek					6
Morey, Mike					4
Morris, Dave					0
O'Dwyer, James	2	3	6	1	35
Oliver, Gordon	4	1			27
Parrott, Julien			1		22
Pentney, Nick	2	2	2		32
Robson, Chris	3		1	1	16
Sanders, Adrian	3	1	1		31
Stockman, Jackie	2				10
Stocks, Cindy					4
Stublely, Di	1				20
Sykes, Lynn	3	1		1	21
Thomas, David	4	1	1	1	35
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