

Adjourned Annual Council Meeting

Wednesday, 15 May 2013

Council Motion – Save our Seabirds

Torbay Council notes that over 400 birds have been rescued during two separate pollution incidents in the past two months on the south coast of the UK, and that over 2000 more have died.

This Council further notes that the birds (including Guillemots, razorbills and puffins) have been found covered in polyisobutylene (PIB), a synthetic clear lubricating oil. This substance clings to the feathers of seabirds, preventing them from flying and destroying the waterproofing of their plumage. According to the Devon Wildlife Trust, it is legal for this substance to be deposited in the sea just 12 miles off shore.

Torbay Council calls on Richard Benyon MP, the Minister for the Environment, the Members of Parliament for Torbay and the Members of the European Parliament in the South West Region to bring about changes in legislation to prevent such pollution incidents from happening again.

This Council asks the Chief Operating Officer to write to Richard Benyon MP, the two Members of Parliament for Torbay and the South West Region's Members of the European Parliament to advise them of this Council's views.

Proposed by Steve Darling

Seconded by Ian Doggett