

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 17 July 2014

Questions Under Standing Order A13

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>Can the Mayor confirm what decision making process took place to award £7000 to Torbay Tourism Association Ltd to support the 2014 Miss England Beauty Pageant when there was no evidence of beneficial economic impact ('Summer of Data' report, February 2013) due to insufficient data?</p> <p>Can he also explain why the popular Super Weekend, which has significant economic impact estimated in excess of £1.1m, will not be run this year and what basis the decision was made to award a grant of £25000 to Trevor George Entertainment Organisation to promote the Riviera Fringe Festival?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Children, Schools and Families (Councillor Pritchard)</p>	<p>Please would you give this council a full update on all the changes taking place at Parkfield Youth Centre?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor James to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>Please would you provide this council with the latest figures for how many people have now been taken to court due to non-payment of some council tax in the last two years?</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy (Councillor Thomas (D))</p>	<p>Please would you provide this council with the latest position regarding the Threshers site in Brixham?</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor James to the Executive</p>	<p>In light of the Coalition Government plans to ban exclusivity requirements within zero hours contracts. Can you confirm whether or not the council includes these in our zero hours contracts, and if so, what</p>

<p>Lead for Business Planning and Governance (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>the council will be doing about it?</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>I understand that at the last Health Scrutiny Board Meeting, on the 26 June 2014, Cllr Hytche promoted “work houses” as a way of helping members of our community who have mental health problems. In my view such comments are offensive and brings the Council into disrepute. With your responsibility for Governance on the Council, what action do you plan to take?</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Is he aware of the extent to which organised prostitution is now a firmly established part of the so-called 'Night-time Economy' of Torquay?</p>
<p>Question (8) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Has he been kept informed of police progress in their pursuit of the vicious thugs that have carried out the recent attacks on TOR2's and other workers in Brixham and Torquay, and can he share with Council the current situation re arrests?</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>In previous years Torbay Council had got up to 47% recycling rate. Last year this Figure dropped to 41%. Our neighbouring Authority is bragging about being at 57% recycling and wanting to hit 60%.</p> <p>In light of this what step change is planned to turn the tide of reducing levels of recycling?</p>
<p>Question (10) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>In September of last year you referred the Labour/Non Coalition Group motion to identify funding for the long awaited reversal of traffic through Torre to the Transport Working Party.</p> <p>Can you confirm what actions have since been taken? Also will you make a commitment that if any current bid processes are unsuccessful you will instruct officers to identify the estimated £350,000 to enable this vital economic regeneration project to go ahead?</p>

<p>Question (11) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Torbay Council recently received £198,969 from the Governments pothole fund. This compares to Devon CC who received £9,129,602 from the same fund. Whilst I acknowledge that Torbay has a much smaller road network than Devon, it would appear to be a proportionately much smaller sum. Did the Council's under spend on roads maintenance last year of £122,000 impact on the allocation of funds to tackle potholes?</p>
<p>Question (12) by Councillor Cowell to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Can you confirm that an error in ordering summer bedding plants for the north of Torquay has led to a reported 15000 plants being 'double-ordered'. If this is correct can you please confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The cost of this mistake? b) Exactly how this error occurred? c) Exactly who received any surplus plants and who was involved in making the decisions to re-distribute them?
<p>Question (13) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>Why have you decided to abandon cross party support and participation for the Community Development Trust by appointing two members of the Conservative Group to the two council places on the Board?</p>
<p>Question (14) by Councillor Cowell to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Why was there no appropriate insurance and management agreement in place to ensure the Velo Park did not close to the public within a matter of hours of its' opening? How much revenue is estimated to have been lost?</p>
<p>Question (15) by Councillor Cowell to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>As the Executive Lead for car parking – have you now abandoned any intention of including the community and businesses in consultations on car parking? The last such review meeting was November 12th 2013 and a review of the £2 trial was promised for early 2014 which you failed to hold. Can you therefore confirm the impact on parking revenues and provide evidence of any economic benefit as a result of the trial?</p> <p>Also, when will you conduct a thorough review (to include residents, commuters and businesses) which addresses the problems of car parking in our towns and neighbouring residential areas?</p>

<p>Question (16) by Councillor Stocks to the Executive Lead for Children, Schools and Families (Councillor Pritchard</p>	<p>In the past year there have been extensive cut backs in the council's extended youth service and new arrangements to hire out parts of the Parkfield Children's Centre on a regular basis.</p> <p>How is the current administration actively ensuring that the reduced services and activities provided by Parkfield in Paignton are still accessible to those young people from all areas of Torbay who are in most need of support and stimulation in our community in order to keep Parkfield financially sustainable now and in the future?</p> <p>Examples of access opportunities from Watcombe, Barton, Hele and Ellacombe in Torquay. Great Parks and Blatchcombe in Paignton and the whole of Brixham would be appreciated.</p>
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