

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.

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Long to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children (Councillor Parrott)</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Doggett to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Planning (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Council's Representative on the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>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?</p> <p>"Dear Alison,</p> <p>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 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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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 & 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 desruction 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.</p> <p>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.”</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children (Councillor Parrott)</p>	<p>What is the number and the percentage of pupils in Torbay schools who were entitled to free school meals before the latest benefit changes?</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (7) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for IT, Libraries and Waste (Councillor King)</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Darling</p>	<p>I understand that ministers are considering extending the power to fine people who park on pavements to local authorities outside of</p>

(M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	London. London boroughs have had this power for 40 years. What representations have Torbay Council made to encourage this proposal?
Question (10) by Councillor Pentney to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)	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?
Question (11) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adult Services and Children (Councillor Parrott)	How many children will lose their entitlement to free school meals following the latest benefit changes?

Third Round

Question (12) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	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.																																																																																				
Question (13) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)	<p>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?</p> <p>For ease of reference I have included two relevant tables below.</p> <p>Investment in Devon from homes England over the last 5 years.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1637 1544 2101"> <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>Total</td> <td>19,413,477</td> <td>26,437,593</td> <td>22,817,162</td> <td>11,345,064</td> <td>2,881,079</td> <td>82,894,375</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Provision of affordable housing in Torbay over the last 10 years.</p>		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	Total	19,413,477	26,437,593	22,817,162	11,345,064	2,881,079	82,894,375
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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
2015/16	32	12	2	46
2016/17	23	11	8	41

Question (14) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Customer Services and Town Centre Regeneration (Councillor Haddock)

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?

Question (15) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adult Services and Children (Councillor Parrott)

Since the latest benefit changes how much can parents earn before their children become ineligible for free school meals?