

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 21 June 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.

Question (1) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children Services (Councillor Parrott)	How has the Local Education Authority promoted a zero tolerance approach to up-skirting in Torbay schools?
Question (2) by Councillor Lewis (B) to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)	As you are aware The Paignton Community Partnership and I are desperate for the improvement to the Shelters on Paignton Sea Front to take place, sooner rather than later! This is even more important following the March Storm which caused even more damage, they now need a complete refurbishment rather than a simple coat of paint. It is now time the Council, the Partnership and outside funders all came together to find a long term solution to the problem. Will the Portfolio holder please give me a full update, with timescales, on when we might see some action on the Shelters and for them to be restored to their former glory.
Question (3) by Councillor Robson to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)	The Torbay Air Show held earlier this month was highly successful in attracting visitors and was much appreciated by many residents in Torbay. Whilst final figures on its financial performance are I am sure not yet determined, revised budget figures presented to the Air Show Working Party on May 15th show that a significant deficit was expected beyond the level of financial commitment given by Council in July 2017. Do you consider that everything reasonably possible is being done to maximise income and minimise costs in order to keep the Council's financial commitment within budget.
Question (4) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)	In recent weeks residents have reported a number of missed collections by Tor 2, and one week where Tor 2 notified residents on social media of rearranged collections. What explanation is there for this ongoing issue?

<p>Question (5) by Councillor Thomas (D) to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>Residents in the Blatchcombe Ward have been reporting late collections of waste, both recycled waste and residual waste, over the past few weeks.</p> <p>I have also observed streets with recycled boxes filled with material outside of every house over periods of up to 3 days indicating a widespread absence of collections. Even on the run up to the Airshow weekend, I observed recycling boxes overflowing on Saturday and Sunday - not quite the right impression we are looking to set to visitors who may have been lured into the Bay for the first time to view the Airshow.</p> <p>The poor performance levels on waste collection have been observed for many months and residents across the Bay are unhappy that Torbay Council appears unable to make Tor2 deliver on its service commitments.</p> <p>Can you please tell me what the latest excuse is for this poor performance? Please supply a break down providing the number of missed collections alongside with the penalty charges we have imposed on a month by month basis for the past 12 months.</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Both Councillor Long and I have been in correspondence with the Torbay Council's Highways Team, following the recent fatality on the Great Hill Road /St Marychurch Road between Torquay and Newton Abbot. Can you please advise when the talks with Devon County Council will be concluded and when officers will be in a position to report back to members?</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Mills to the Council's Representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee (Councillor Thomas (D))</p>	<p>I understand that Somerset County Council have applied to the Government to become a Unitary Council. How will this proposal impact on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee?</p>
<p>Question (8) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>I understand that the Council can conduct post planning viability reviews of planning applications where applications have stated that they would need to reduce or forgo affordable housing contributions due to the unviability of the scheme. Please advise how many such reviews have been undertaken in the last four years, the schemes that were subject to these reviews and what changes to the affordable housing provision were made?</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (9) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead</p>	<p>A member of the public has advised me that the contractor the Council uses for grass cutting in the Barton and Watcombe area only employ 3</p>
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for Environment (Councillor Ellery)	staff. Is this the reason why grass cutting has been so delayed this year?
Question (10) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)	The Field in Trust deed for King George V playing fields off Teignmouth Road, Torquay has now been formally signed. When does the local Authority plan to reinstate the commemorative plaque that was stolen?
Question (11) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	I understand the Council have conducted traffic counts before and after the completion of the South Devon Link Road, along Hele Road Torquay. Can you please provide me with a table that compares these counts?

Third Round

Question (12) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	How many hours a week does Torbay's CCTV not have active supervision?
Question (13) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (Councillor Lewis (C))	Earlier this year the Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed to hold a meeting with the Police to consider the reductions in uniformed police officers in Torbay. This has now dragged on for months, with fear of crime mounting and a lack of policing in Torbay impacting on our communities. Why have you allowed this meeting to hold the Police to account to drag on for months?