Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 20 September 2018 Public Question Under Standing Order A24

Question from Mr Colhoun to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)

I am requesting that Torbay Council consider immediately withdrawing all charges for all registered charities to use public open space in Torbay. It is grossly unfair and immoral for Torbay Council to ask for a fee to be paid by charities who are trying to help people in difficult situations. Charges made to charities can often account for a sizeable reduction in the amount they raise. The council should instead look to commercial organisations to raise income in respect of exhibitions, markets and fairs etc. I am the Chairman of the Torquay Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association and my request is supported by the Torbay Branch of the Royal Naval Association as well as the Torquay and Paignton Branches of the Royal British Legion. I confirm I have their permission to be included in my request.