

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 20 September 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.

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Children and Housing (Councillor Stocks)</p>	<p>How many meetings of the South West Councils' Children's Services Portfolio Holders Group have been held in the past three years and how many have you attended?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Carter to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>In previous years the Paignton seafront road has been closed to traffic and parking from May to September, and in those years the green was not invaded by travellers. However this year, as part of the seafront was open during the summer season, we have had at least three encampments by travellers, the latest one appearing to cause the local residents to retaliate by also parking on the green for free. Can you tell me why the seafront has been partially open, and if this is a good idea given the events that have happened and health and safety issues, also what permanent action is in place to stop any reoccurrences of encampments in future on the seafront.</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>With the development of the Pavilion in limbo, are you confident that MDL Ltd are maintaining the building in accordance with the terms of the lease?</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>I understand that the developers have up to six months to respond to the legal proceedings that found the planning decision in respect of the Pavilion deficient. What encouragement is the Council bringing to bear on the developer to either provide the relevant method statement or come up with alternative proposals to develop this sadly neglected Torquay treasure?</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (5) by Councillor Sanders to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>Why was no substitute sent to attend in his place at either of the two South West Councils' meetings this year that he has missed.</p>
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<p>Question (6) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>At a community meeting held on 3rd September 2018 you informed those present that Torbay Council received monies for re-settling former prisoners in Torbay. Can you please explain this?</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Adults (Councillor Parrott)</p>	<p>I understand that almost 1,000 older people a day are needlessly admitted to hospital amid social care crisis. A pensioner is readmitted to their local hospital every 90 seconds, with emergency admissions to hospital more than doubling in the last 13 years, according to new research by Age UK. The report also said the rate of avoidable admissions had increased by 63 per cent since 2003, citing that pensioners living alone are at greatest risk and that the care system fails to help an ageing population. Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of the LGA's Community Wellbeing Board, said: "With people living longer, increases in costs and decreases in funding, the system is at breaking point and is ramping up pressures on unpaid carers who are the backbone of the care system'. With Torbay's higher than average numbers of older people what assurance can you give around how Torbay Council are managing this crisis?</p>

Third Round

<p>Question (8) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Over recent months I have noted increasing anger from constituents over the failure of adequate resourcing of the Police in Torquay Town Centre. Earlier this summer, at a meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny board, the Conservative Police and Crime commissioner for Devon & Cornwall and Chief Constable gave the clear impression that after an 80% decrease in PCSOs in Torquay local residents could expect an increase in numbers. When will this happen?</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>On the 1st of August 2018, due to the severe financial pressure that the Council faces, Torbay Council introduced a moratorium on non-essential spending for all parts of the Local Authority. Since then what meetings have you held with the two MPs who represent Torbay to put pressure on the Government to adequately fund the Council?</p>