

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 Hill to the Executive Lead for Environment (Councillor Ellery)</p>	<p>Over the years the council has received funding from Central Government for various aspects linked to flood and coastal defence management.</p> <p>This funding has been identified against the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Lead Local Flood Authorities statutory responsibilities under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.• As a Lead Local Flood Authorities statutory responsibility to be a consultee and to respond to planning applications (specifically with regards to surface water flooding). This was a new responsibility introduced following Flood and Water Management Act 2010 hence additional funding from Government.• Land drainage funding to cover the Councils responsibilities under the Land Drainage Act for ordinary watercourses.• Funding to cover the Councils responsibilities as a Coastal Authority for coastal defences. <p>This funding was paid in a number of different ways to the Council including the revenue support grant.</p> <p>As this funding was not necessarily ring fenced the result is that budgets to the relevant departments for undertaking the works identified above have been significantly cut over the last few years resulting in less revenue works being carried out. This reduction has therefore increased the risk of flooding and coastal defence failures.</p> <p>Can the actual funding from Central Government that is allocated to the Council for these responsibilities be identified, together with the budgets that are provided to each department for dealing with these crucial functions?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Can an update be provided on the solar powered speed sign on Great Hill Road Torquay, and when it will be fixed for a second time?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Residents on Lymington Road and the surrounding area continue to experience severe difficulties with parking especially in the evening. This situation is exacerbated by a large amount of the coach station car park lying empty. Would it not be a better use of our resources, as I have raised previously with you, to allow residents to park in the coach station, over night for a small fee and thus reducing local highway congestion and generating</p>

	some revenue for the Council than have it lie empty, achieving nothing and frustrating local residents?
Question (4) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)	The dispute between Torbay Council and TOR2 over the maintenance of double yellow lines and white lining on the highway has resulted in poor and unenforceable road markings across the Bay. How is the local authority prioritising this backlog of works, which I understand amounts to hundreds of thousands of pounds?
Question (5) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)	At a time when Torbay is set to invest more than 5 million pounds in upgrading waste and recycling bin vehicles in order to improve the reliability of the service and increase recycling rates, why has this Council ceased the funding for the promotion of recycling?

Second Round

Question (6) by Councillor Long to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)	Councillors have been advised that one of the causes of the delays to collections of recycling over the Christmas and New Year period was the unprecedented amount of waste and particularly cardboard. Please could some figures be provided to confirm the unprecedented nature of the increase?
Question (7) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	Some local authorities have chosen to borrow money to improve their highways and pavements to a high standard which, in the long run, has proved cost effective leading to less maintenance and fewer legal cases. Have Torbay Council investigated this as a way forward as residents complain daily about the state of our highways.
Question (8) by Councillor Pentney to the Council's Representative on the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Excell)	Torquay has suffered a massive reduction in the number of uniformed police officers. Reassurances have been given that the number of PCSOs will be increased to 9 which is less than half the original compliment. When will this new target be reached?
Question (9) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	It is now five years since the rail line at Dawlish failed, following a winter storm. At the time, David Cameron promised a sustainable solution that would be in South Devon's interest. How is Torbay Council standing up for our area and demanding a sustainable rail line with a clear timetable for improvements?

Third Round

Question (10) by Councillor Long to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)	Residents in Torquay often advise that they would find it more convenient to use the recycling Centre in Newton Abbot than to have to go the Tor2 facility in Paignton. Are there any plans to re-enter negotiations with Devon County Council to enable this to happen?
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<p>Question (11) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>In respect of fly-tipping to the rear of St Martins Court in Corfe Crescent, I understand that the council took action at the end of 2017, and has recently taken further action to tackle this ongoing problem. What additional tools could the council bring to bear on the endemic problem at this location?</p>
<p>Question (12) 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>For the last 12 months, on a month by month basis and broken down into individual elected Members, please provide the number of requests submitted through the Members Case Work System and the number of Freedom of Information requests received by the Council from elected Members?</p>
<p>Question (13) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>The deadline has now passed for the developer to come back with a plan for the Pavilion. Please can you advise what steps the Council are now going to take to progress this issue?</p>