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**According to** [**information published online**](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/569805/RO2_2015-16_data_by_LA.xlsx) **by the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) in its local authority revenue expenditure and financing section, Torbay Council generated a total income of £4,036,000 from off-street parking in 2015-16.**

**Please provide the following information:**

**1. How many car parking spaces are currently provided by the local authority to generate this annual income?**

 There are in the region of 7,300 available parking bays in Torbay Council car parks. A number of these bays are only available in the summer months.

**2. Does the local authority have any plans to increase its number of off-street car parking spaces, and if so, by how many?**

 No the local authority do not have any plans to increase its number of off-street car parking spaces.

**3. If the local authority holds any information regarding the number of off-street car parking spaces provided in the local authority area by other providers (such as private car parking operators) please advise how many spaces are provided, and by which operator.**

 There are private operators within Torbay. The Council does not hold the information requested.

**4. Are the local authority’s off-street car parking operations run entirely in-house, or are these subject to alternative arrangements, such as a management contract or a partnership agreement with the private sector or another local authority**

 Yes.

**If so:**

**a. What are the current arrangements – i.e. a management contract, a partnership / joint venture or other (please specify);**

**b. Who provides the service to / partners with the local authority; and**

**c. When is this contract / partnership scheduled to end?**

 N/A

**5. Has the local authority given any consideration (and / or made any decision) in the past two years to explore alternative managerial and operational arrangements for its off-street car parking provision (such as private sector involvement) and if so, what?**

 No.

**6. Does the local authority have an up-to-date Parking Strategy?**

 Yes

 <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/policies/parking-policies/>

**7. Please provide a weblink to your latest Annual Parking Report.**

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**8. As the local authority will have just set its budget for the forthcoming financial year (and its Medium Term Financial Strategy), has it agreed for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20:**

 2017 – 18 only.

**a. any savings to be delivered in the running costs of off-street car parking;**

 No.

**b. any projected increase in income.**

 Yes - £185,000.

**9. Likewise, has the local authority allocated any capital funding for expenditure on car parks during the next three years, or identified the need to allocate capital in due course?**

No.

 **Please provide figures and details of proposed expenditure.**

 N/A