

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 3 December 2020

Questions Under Standing Order A12

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.

First Round

<p>Question (1) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)</p>	<p>In order to assist Members during the budget setting period, could Councillor Cowell please provide full details of our current investments and regeneration portfolio? Providing a breakdown of all assets individually including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the date the asset was purchased and or loan agreed,• Whether the asset is currently in construction or built• whether there are any outstanding loan amounts;• the date and amount of the last independent validated valuation, tenant, income and any outstanding rental payments or write offs.
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Chris Lewis to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)</p>	<p>At the Community Conference held on the 30th September there were in the region of 115 participants. Can the Leader of the Council please provide the following information:-</p> <p>How many BAME were invited and how many attended? How many LGBT were invited and how many attended? How many young people were invited and how many attended? How many schools were invited and how many attended? How many religious organisations were invited and how many attended? How many individuals (not representing organisations) were invited and how many attended? How many looked after children were invited and how many attended? How many organisation were invited and how many attended?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Barbara Lewis to the Cabinet Member Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>The Partnership have declared that they wish Torbay to be the Premier Resort in the United Kingdom. Can the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture please provide an update on when the lights on Paignton Seafront will be repaired and returned to their former glory?</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor Foster to the Civic Mayor (Councillor Douglas-Dunbar)</p>	<p>When abusive or hurtful comments are said by a councillor about other councillors, at a Council meeting. Can the Civic Mayor share with colleagues how she will deal with such incidents?</p>

Question (5) by Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services (Councillor Carter)	Could you please provide me with the number of prosecutions for fly tipping over the last eighteen months?
Question (6) by Councillor David Thomas to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)	Many of us are delighted that the Torwood Street development is nearing completion. I recall visiting London with my deputy Cllr. Alan Tyerman to speak in some detail with the main financial backer of this scheme. Do the administration acknowledge the determination of certain Conservative members in enabling this scheme to get off the ground?
Question (7) by Councillor Hill to the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)	How much has the Council's borrowing or commitment to borrow increased over the last eighteen months?

Second Round

Question (8) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	<p>Under the Public Sector Equality Duty which all local councils are obligated to follow. There are two duties one being the general duty, the other being the specific duty. All public bodies have general duties which states that in the exercise of their functions, public authorities must have due regard to the need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is unlawful under the Equality Act. 2. Advance equality of opportunity. 3. Foster good relations. <p>Assessing the impact on equality of policies and practices is an important part of complying with the general duty. Case law indicated that assessments should be done before a decision is made.</p> <p>Across Torbay how many raised public pavements or locations on a public pavement do we have that are currently impassable for those in a wheel chair.</p> <p>In addition, and based upon this could you also provide the assessments for these locations or the policy that currently precludes action to help those less able pavement users?</p>
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Question (9) by Councillor Foster to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	To help increase the very poor recycling rates we have here in Torbay and to help achieve a budget proposal saving of circa £500k, when a waste bin in one of our many parks, open spaces and sea side venues is damaged and needs replacing, could they be replaced with suitable recycling bins? For example a 'Dual Bin' similar to those used by neighbouring authorities.
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Third Round

Question (10) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	Please can the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture provide a monthly breakdown for the period from January 2020 until present day of the number of missed bin collections, contacts, compliments and complaints and the number of, and costs of agency workers employed in connection with the collection of waste.
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