

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 25 February 2021

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

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| <p>Question (1) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p> | <p>Could the relevant member please provide up to date figures around planning and local searches please with comparisons for the last year.</p> <p>Numbers of applications this financial year by month.</p> <p>Numbers completed in the relevant timescales depending on type of application including those with or without agreed extensions.</p> <p>Longest, shortest and average time taken.</p> <p>Percentage of delegation also.</p> <p>Appeal numbers won and lost.</p> <p>Costs awarded for and against up to date.</p> <p>Numbers of local searches requests undertaken.</p> <p>Current and comparable times taken to undertake those local searches.</p> <p>Our cost of searches this year and proposed.</p> <p>Along with all of the statutory and local targets and timescales for each answer.</p> |
| <p>Question (2) by Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p> | <p>Could the relevant Cabinet member please tell me the number of new homes completed in Torbay in 2020 and 2019; if not too much trouble could they please advise the numbers from 2000 and explain what is being done to increase numbers in line with the recently approved Housing Strategy.</p> |
| <p>Question (3) by Councillor Thomas (J) to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p> | <p>Proposed new parking regulations in Foxhole.</p> <p>An order was advertised on 11th November 2020 in the Herald Express and online at Devon Live, the closing date for representations was 1st December 2020. Despite these new regulations affecting many hundreds of residents across the Foxhole area, not a single representation was made - my concern is this is because nobody knew they were being consulted upon.</p> |

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| | <p>Despite not a single letter or concern, the portfolio holder gave this scheme tacit approval and the scheme is now going ahead. No consultation with the community - a complete surprise and goes against everything that the administration stand for, with no surprises for the community.</p> <p>Now that this has come to light, and is clearly an error, will the portfolio holder put an urgent stop on this and ensure that the proper consultation does take place in order for residents to have a say in any scheme, before it is rolled out.</p> |
| <p>Question (4) by Councillor Atiya-Alla to the Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Mike Morey)</p> | <p>Over the past couple of years myself, the residents of Ellacombe and the Torbay Community Development Trust have been working hard to re-establish the 65 bus service which included Ellacombe, St Marychurch and Hele. Can I be reassured that the new subsidy that the Council is introducing for this forthcoming financial year could be applied to support this bus service in Torquay?</p> |

Second Round

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| <p>Question (5) by Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p> | <p>What thought was given to a Children's Play Facility in Torquay similar to the hugely popular Geo Playpark at Paignton being included as one of the Town Deal projects?</p> <p>Especially given the Council's vision for a Family Friendly Torbay?</p> |
| <p>Question (6) by Councillor Atiya-Alla to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p> | <p>I understand that a new bid is being promoted by the MP's for Totnes and Torbay regarding opening up the rail line between Paignton and Churston to main line train services. Can the local authority advise what representations the MP's may have made in recent weeks around this new bid to the local authority and what does the Council see as the pros and cons around such a bid.</p> |