

## Public Question – Cabinet 10 January 2023

At the Cabinet meeting on 13 December Councillor Mike Morey cited the Devon Carbon Plan as being a scientific, evidence led plan which forms a roadmap for how Devon can achieve net zero carbon by 2050 at the latest. At the same meeting Councillor David Thomas asked the following question ‘the climate emergency was declared by this administration June 2019 and with the target being 2030, that’s 11 years which means we’re 25% of the way into this plan, so looking at zero carbon how much have we achieved in savings?’ In response David Edmondson, Divisional Director for Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency only offered the figure of 40% Carbon reduction for Torbay from 2008 to 2020 adding government figures come out every two years, it will be another two years before we have the figures for this year 2022. That the 40% figure sounds a lot because a lot of that is achieved by the production of more sustainable energy nationally, so that has had a significant impact on Torbay already. The UK only produces 1.03% of the worlds total Carbon output. In light of all of these statements, I have the following questions:

- What percentage of the UK’s total carbon output is Torbay’s total carbon output, who measures and how is Torbay’s carbon output measured?
- Where are the figures/reports for Torbay’s carbon output found?
- Are there Trusts and or charities involved?
- Who produced/owns the scientific data used to form the Devon Carbon Plan and where can it be obtained?
- Torbay declared a climate emergency in 2019 and have the data for 2008 to 2020, what are the figures for 2019 to 2020 and where is that information obtained?
- It was stated that government figures come out every two years, waiting for those figures takes Torbay to the end of 2024 and halfway into a plan whilst only just receiving figures. Why is Torbay Council marching head first into a plan without seeing any previous data?
- Is the 40% carbon reduction for Torbay, or nationally?
- How has 40% reduction in carbon output nationally or locally significantly helped the people of Torbay?

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