

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 1 February 2024

Members' 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

Question 1

Councillor Mandy Darling to the Cabinet Member for Tourism, Culture & Events and Corporate Services (Councillor Jackie Thomas)

The Rifles Regiment hold the Freedom of Torbay and for a number of years they have wanted to formally reaffirm their Freedom of the Borough by holding a parade. Torbay Council have been in discussion with the regiment regarding an appropriate commemorate tribute to them as part of Torbay's parks and gardens offer. Can you please update the council on progress on these two interlinked projects?

Answer: to Question 1 provided by Councillor Jackie Thomas

Question 2

Councillor Carter to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)

The Garfield Road multi storey car park, has been, and still is, experiencing anti-social behaviour. The anti-social behaviour happens mainly in the evenings with car drivers, meeting up in the car park, then racing up and down the car park floors and also racing out of the entrance at great speed into Garfield Road. There has been damage to cars in Garfield Road and a great deal of noise from the vehicles, but there is also a concern for the safety of pedestrians in the area from these vehicles. The police are aware of this situation and do patrol the area but cannot be there all the time.

Could the Council see how they could mitigate this anti-social behaviour maybe by putting a barrier on the exit of the car park so that cars have to stop and wait for the barrier to go up before exiting from the slope out of the car park?

Answer: to Question 2 provided by Councillor Billings

Question 3

Councillor Johns to the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth (Councillor Chris Lewis)

I am pleased to see that Crossways has been successfully demolished and would like to know if the Council have a new end game for that piece of land?

Answer: to Question 3 provided by Councillor Chris Lewis

Question 4

Councillor Maddison to the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth (Councillor Chris Lewis)

As the Cabinet Member responsible for economy, please advise what our administration has done to support local businesses since May 2023?

Answer: to Question 4 provided by Councillor Chris Lewis

Second Round

Question 5

Councillor Johns to the Cabinet Member for Tourism, Culture & Events and Corporate Services (Councillor Jackie Thomas)

Please could you explain why the Clifton with Maidenway Community Ward Fund from 2022 has still not been actioned especially as the neighbouring ward, Kings Ash, were able to submit their 2024 ward fund within 24 hours of a public announcement on the Foxhole Community Centre closing?

Answer: to Question 5 provided by Councillor Jackie Thomas

Third Round

Question 6

Councillor Maddison to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance (Councillor Tyerman)

What is the totality of the cost to the council of our response to homelessness and rough sleeping? This should include inter alia the cost of all services, associated staff costs (including on-costs) accommodation provision, health and associated monitoring, related town cleansing, liaison with police and agencies (including charities), communications and town centre staff related to homelessness and rough sleeping?

Answer: to Question 6 provided by Councillor Tyerman
